

SHOWPIECE PIT RESUMES PRODUCTION

JUBILANT Coal Board officials yesterday held a Press conference to announce the production of coal for the first time in 10 months at their showpiece pit. Wistow mine, part of the £1 billion Selby complex, began producing coal on Wednesday.

It is the third pit in the Yorkshire coalfield to put coal since the start of the dispute. The 105 men working there comprise 15 per cent of the workforce, and are producing about 150 tons of coal a day.

KINNOCK STAYS OFF PICKET LINE

By JAMES WIGHTMAN
Political Correspondent

MR KINNOCK is taking his time about fulfilling a pledge to striking miners that he would make a picket-line appearance in their support.

He made the promise on Nov 16 when he met lodge officials from the four pits in his South Wales constituency and heard complaints that he was not putting his weight behind the miners.

He was also criticised for not attending the five rallies organised by Mr Scargill, N.U.M. president.

Mr Kinnock said he would, as soon as his engagements allowed, go to a picket line "to observe". But his office at Westminster said last night that he had not yet done so and had no immediate plans to do so.

Left-wing attacks
The explanation was the same as for his non-attendance at Mr Scargill's rallies, difficulty in finding a free date in his diary.

Although he later attended a rally organised by the Labour Party in support of the miners, Mr Kinnock is still being criticised by some Left-wing politicians for not taking a more prominent role in the coal dispute.

Labour Herald, the newspaper which gives strong support to Mr Scargill, said in an editorial yesterday that Mr Kinnock had "maintained a studied distance from the N.U.M. leadership and effectively abandoned any support for the miners."

16 MINERS GO
BACK TO WORK
By Our Industrial Staff
Only 16 miners returned to work for the first time on yesterday's day shift. With most English pits due to close for Christmas this evening, the fall-off was not unexpected.

Although there were 47 pits producing coal normally, 72 with some coal, and 33 strikebound or picketised.

UNION MERGER
The 7,500-strong Association of Patternmakers and Allied Craftsmen yesterday officially merged with AUEW/Tass, the engineering union's white collar sector. The merger boosts the strength of Tass to 225,000, but the association will keep its identity and will be known as the Craft (Patternmakers) section of Tass.

102 SENT FOR TRIAL
A hundred and two South Wales miners were committed for Crown Court trial yesterday charged with unlawful assembly and damaging a ship when they attacked a ship at Port Talbot. They were remanded on bail by magistrates at Afan West, Glamorgan.

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BBC-unions refuse to back TV fee rise

By ROBIN STRINGER
TV and Radio Correspondent

BBC unions are refusing to give backing to the corporation's claim for a 41 per cent increase in the colour television licence fee from £48 to £65, which is meeting severe resistance from the Government and M.P.s.

Their objections about the top-heavy bureaucracy and poor industrial relations practices, which they say led to the eight-week scenery workers' strike last Spring and a protracted dispute with the journalists over new technology, follow a number of criticisms about BBC extravagance.

Mr John Foster, broadcasting organiser for the N.U.J., said yesterday: "We do support the idea of public service broadcasting, but we have serious reservations about the bureaucracy of the BBC and its industrial relations practices."

The N.U.J. and the Association of Broadcasting Staff are due to meet early next year to consider what attitude to adopt to the licence fee claim.

Latest example
The BBC's refusal to support the B.B.C. in principle is tempered by their continual battle against what they describe as unnecessarily complex pay and organisational structures and a heavy overmanned personnel department.

They regard the bureaucratic deficiencies of the BBC as a far more serious problem than the alleged extravagance of the corporation, especially when young research assistants with university degrees are paid as little as £7,000 a year and experienced staff earn half as much as their fellows in I.T.V.

The latest example of so-called extravagance to arouse the wrath of M.P.s is the salary reported to have been offered to persuade Selina Scott to stay on the "Breakfast Time" show.

A figure of £80,000 a year was mentioned by Mr Roger King, Tory M.P. for Birmingham Northfield, who described it as "a monstrous waste of money."

But Mr David Lloyd, editor of "Breakfast Time," said the figure was wildly exaggerated.

No official figure was given but Miss Scott's present contract, which ran out earlier this month, is understood to be worth around £45,000 a year.

Mr North's criticism came during a Commons debate in the early hours of yesterday morning on the financing of the corporation, during which several Tory backbenchers attacked the corporation's claim for a £19 increase in the licence fee.

The Selina Scott controversy follows one of the more notable examples of BBC extravagance: the sending of seven executives and three of their wives to Hong Kong at a cost of about £25,000 to watch the installation of Alasdair Milne, the director-general, as President of the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association.

Other expenditures which have come under attack include the dispatch of Sir Robin Day on a first-class flight costing £2,400 to the American convention in San Francisco and Dallas merely as an observer.

Surprise visit
Mrs Gorbachev surprised even her hosts when she arrived at Christ Church, Oxford, yesterday afternoon. The college thought a planned visit had been cancelled, but then the Soviet leader's wife paid a call.

Mrs Gorbachev, accompanied by a small party, was shown the hall and the cathedral which forms part of the college.

St Anthony's College, which specialises in Soviet and international affairs, was originally also expecting a visit.

Miner cleared
OF ASSAULT
A miners' union delegate was cleared at Edinburgh Sheriff Court yesterday of attacking a working miner in the lavatories of a miners' welfare club after he acted in self-defence.

After a two-day trial a jury took 30 minutes to acquit David Hamilton, 34, of Dalkeith, Lothian, of repeatedly punching, kicking and knocking John Hughes, 48, to the ground.

Tories seeking promise
on GLC advertising

By OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

LADY PORTER, leader of the Conservative-controlled Westminster City Council, last night issued a challenge to the Greater London Council over its advertising budget. The action could completely change the approach which local councils have to their campaigning against the Government's actions to curb their rates, and the advertising against the abolition of the GLC and the metropolitan county councils.

Mr Terence Neville, the City solicitor for Westminster City Council, demanded an assurance from the council that no further advertisements in its campaign would appear.

His letter follows the victory by the council in an action in the High Court aimed at stopping the Labour-controlled Inner London Education Authority from boosting its advertising budget to over £750,000.

Mr Justice Gidwell ruled that the purpose of ILEA in its advertising must be "to inform the public." But after reviewing recent ILEA advertising, he concluded that they had little or no information content.

Fundamental questions
The Judge said that the advertisements "had the purpose of seeking to persuade members of the public to a view identical to that of the authority itself."

The judgment now raises fundamental questions about the GLC's advertising budget.

But in October, the district auditor ruled that the GLC had no legal power to spend money under this section, though it could, he believed, do so under Section 137. This gives councils the right to give grants for the benefit of people in the area.

The Westminster challenge is meeting both these assumptions head on. Mr Neville believes that the GLC has neither the power to spend under Section 142 nor 137.

Money can only be spent under Section 137 if councils can show that they have no powers to use the funds under any other legislation. The argument which Westminster will deploy is that if the GLC had refrained from propaganda it could have used the money under Section 142.



Mr Gorbachev in the driving seat at the Austin Rover plant yesterday. The Kremlin's No. 2 was at the wheel of a Montego M.C. during his visit to the Cowley works.

Raisa Gorbachev is a charming visitor

By JENNY SHIELDS

THE sophisticated looks and informal manner of Mrs Raisa Gorbachev, wife of the man tipped as President Chernenko's successor, have ensured her wide media coverage during her visit to Britain this week.

Cameras have dogged her private programme of engagements: reporters have scribbled down each heavily-accented phrase of English, fashion writers have praised her wardrobe.

Mrs Gorbachev, it was quickly noted, is not the stereotypical wife of a Russian politician content to stay out of the limelight.

Like her husband she shows an easy and confident manner in the public eye and seems to revel in the unaccustomed glare of publicity.

The enthusiasm for the couple from Moscow has reached near-hysterical tones. She is a charming woman, but alone on major foreign tours. When they are seen, they are invariably gawdily dressed and carefully avoid any contact with the Press.

Raisa Gorbachev, although little about her personal background has emerged, has cut a totally different figure.

Elegantly dressed in fashionably Western clothes with a well-cut hairstyle she has had no compunction about stepping forward at photo calls, or trying out a few newly-acquired English phrases.

One senior British official who has been helping to organise the visit said yesterday: "She is a charming woman, but over the last couple of days it has been rather difficult to know when and where she will turn up. She has a programme, but it seems to be a well-guarded secret and can be changed at a whim."

Today the Gorbachevs leave for a two-day trip to Scotland before returning to Moscow.

Cowley visit
Austin Rover hopes to clinch a major deal to help modernise the Soviet Union's motor industry after a visit yesterday by Mr Gorbachev to watch the company's robots in action.

Talks between Austin Rover and the Russians had been taking place for sometime before the two-hour visit to Cowley works, arranged at the request of the Soviet trade delegation.

Mr Gorbachev saw a demonstration of how cars are designed using the latest computer techniques.

Demonstrators gave Mr Gorbachev a noisy reception yesterday as he arrived at the Savoy Hotel to attend a Chamber of Commerce lunch. But they were kept about 30 yards from the hotel entrance amid tight security.

FULL COVERAGE
Wife in background
NIGEL WADE reports from Moscow: The visit of Mr Gorbachev continues to receive full coverage by the Russian Press and television, but Mrs Gorbachev has appeared only in the background. A glimpse of her was shown in a televised report of the delegation's visit to Westminster.

But Russian leaders' wives are little known at home and few of the Soviet audience would have recognised her.

HOMERTON
TO GET
STATION
By Our Transport Correspondent
Homerton, in North London, is to get a railway station at a cost of £440,000 after being without one for 40 years. The money is coming from the Environment Department and the Greater London Council.

The station on the Camden to North Woolwich line will be on the site of the old station closed in 1944 at the corner of Berrier Road and Barnabas Road. It will open in May.

U.S. clears way for BA's cut-price Atlantic fares

By DAVID SHEARS in Washington

THE American Justice Department opened the way yesterday for British Airways to offer cheap transatlantic fares during the rest of the winter without being accused of infringing United States anti-trust laws.

The British Airways proposal is for a \$378 (£325) round trip Apex (advance purchase) fare on weekdays between London and New York, and a \$428 (£365) round trip at weekends.

Mr Paul McGrath, the assistant Attorney General in charge of the anti-trust division, wrote to the airline's New York lawyer, Mr William Clarke, saying: "The Department of Justice has no intention of instituting enforcement action against British Airways if it implements the winter fares."

In October the British Civil Aviation Authority had rejected a similar cut-rate fare request from British Airways for fear that it would be considered predatory since British Airways had provided evidence that it could make a profit even if every passenger travelled at the newly reduced rate.

But in his letter released yesterday, Mr McGrath said the proposed fare reduction was not predatory since British Airways had provided evidence that it could make a profit even if every passenger travelled at the newly reduced rate.

Repeated protests
For many years, Britain and America have been at odds over what lawyers call "extra-territoriality." The frequent attempts of the American Government to apply its anti-trust and other laws in international commerce.

In the case of British Airways, President Reagan bowed to London's repeated protests a month ago by overruling the Justice Department and ordering an end to a criminal anti-trust investigation of transatlantic air fares.

An American grand jury had at the time been about to indict British Airways and other major airlines on a charge of collusive price-cutting to force Sir Freddie Laker's low-rate Skytrain out of business on the same London-New York route.

The United States Government said it would not be in the nation's best interest to pursue that case. But American officials denied that there was any "deal" with Britain that the new low fares would be approved if the case were dropped.

In his letter, which will be studied by experts for signs that Washington is backpedalling on the whole principle of "extra-territoriality," Mr McGrath conceded that it was questionable whether anti-trust laws could be used to interfere with the universal business judgment of an air carrier.

Air industry sources expect a drastic price-cutting "war" between the airlines this winter as they compete to fill empty seats.

APPOINTMENTS
AT THE BANK
By Our Political Staff
Mr Christopher McMahon, Sir Deputy Governor of the Bank of England since 1980, has been reappointed for a further five years.

Mr Alan Koehris and Mr David Walker have also been reappointed directors of the Bank for a further four years from March 1. Mr Frederick Corby and Mr Robert Haslam have been appointed directors of the Bank for the first time.

LANG'S £163,000
Sir John Gerald Lang, of Walton on the Hill, Surrey, who died in September, aged 87, left £163,555 net (£166,529 gross) in his will published yesterday.

From 1967 he was principal adviser on sport to the Government and was also deputy chairman of the Sports Council. Latest Wills—P10

Factory jobs created
for 30,000 staff
By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF
THREE sectors of manufacturing industry recruited an extra 30,000 workers between them in the year to October, according to Department of Employment figures disclosed yesterday.

They are listed as office machinery, electrical engineering and instruments; musical goods; and paper products, printing and publishing.

Their job creation record over the 12-month period is seen as an encouraging glimmer in the still gloomy unemployment picture.

It also helps put into perspective earlier Government figures which showed that in the month to October the number of people employed in manufacturing increased by 6,000 following a 15,000 rise in September.

The figures for the three sectors in the year to October are: Office machinery, electrical engineering and instruments—up by 17,000 jobs from 851,000 to 868,000; metal goods, including hand tools and household goods—up by 4,000 from 383,000 to 387,000; paper products, printing and publishing—up by 8,000 from 486,000 to 494,000.

The Confederation of British Industry also lists a number of other industries as taking on more workers. They include construction and steelwork; mechanical engineering; metal works and machine tools; data processing; heating and ventilation; textiles, footwear and clothing.

Pay rise danger
While the creation of jobs is now at a seven-year peak, the Government has said that the level of wage increases is putting the recovery at risk.

The underlying increase in average weekly earnings in the year to October was 7.4 per cent, a similar increase to the previous month.

It is the figures for the cost of each unit of output—the scale which measures whether productivity is rising as fast as wages—that show Britain lagging behind other countries.

While in Britain the cost per unit has risen by 5.5 per cent in the three months to October, in Japan unit costs have fallen by 6 per cent, and in America by one per cent. West Germany's have stayed constant.

100 JOBS CREATED
British Underwater Engineering, a supplier of advanced underwater vehicles and diving services, said yesterday it was establishing a base at Durn near Aberdeen which will create 100 Aberdeen-based jobs.

FIRECRACKER FIGHTBACK BY FIRMS

By Air Cdre G. S. Cooper
Air Correspondent

BRITISH enterprise is to fight back in defence of Firecracker, the national aircraft trainer that industry believes was shot down by foreign subsidies.

The Government eliminated Firecracker on grounds of cost and performance. But yesterday a spokesman for Hunting Firecracker said the company had been repeatedly told by official spokesmen that the aircraft met the RAF's performance requirement in full.

No details of the rejection are expected until the winner of the competition to provide the RAF with a Jet Provost replacement is announced next year.

Benefit of subsidies
Suspicion is growing that the prices tendered by British Aerospace for the Pilatus PC-9 and by Shorts for the Embraer Tucano, the two aircraft accepted by the Government for further consideration, enjoyed the benefit of large subsidies from the foreign manufacturers. This would be true if an allowance for the initial cost of developing the aircraft was not included in the price.

Those supporting the private enterprise Firecracker consider it ironic that British Aerospace and Shorts, neither of whom was prepared to put up any money for a new trainer for the RAF, end up as Government-sponsored competitors to build foreign aircraft subsidised abroad.

The spreading practice of buying foreign "off-the-shelf" equipment because it is cheaper coupled with the withdrawal of Government subsidies at home is considered by industry to be making a mockery of fair competition.

Price cuts
The lack of Government support for the home product is also seen as damaging Britain's efforts to sell abroad.

Hunting Firecracker has in the last three months been able to negotiate price cuts on parts from British manufacturers. When those reductions were offered to the Government, the company was advised not to "rock the boat."

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LIBYAN'S PLEA FAILS TO FREE ANXIOUS BRITON

By JAMES ALLAN in Tripoli

An impassioned plea by a Libyan lawyer for Mr Alan Russell to be reunited with his family in England for Christmas failed in a Tripoli court yesterday.

The case of Mr Russell, 49, from Holbrook, near Ipswich, was adjourned to Jan. 6 for the court to consider its verdict.

He was then driven back to the villa in the capital where he is being held with three other Britons detained after the Libyan Embassy siege in London.

There it looks as though they will spend Christmas Day unless Mr Terry Waite, personal representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Runcie, can secure their release.

Envoy's meeting

He arrived on Tuesday but it was not until yesterday that he saw a Foreign Affairs Bureau official who allowed him to visit the four men and deliver Christmas cards and presents brought from home.

Apart from Mr Russell, an English teacher, the prisoners are: Michael Berdiner, an English lecturer at Tripoli University; Malcolm Anderson, an oil engineer and Robin Plummer, a telephone engineer.

Mr Waite's appearance in court greatly encouraged Mr Russell who was anxious for news of his wife, Carol, and their four children, whom Mr Waite met before leaving London.

"How are they? Did the young ones behave?" the questions came tumbling out as Mr Russell explained that one of the things the four men found hardest to bear was the lack of contact with elsewhere.

Mr Waite saw Mr Russell as the court was considering the five charges facing him and which followed a telephone conversation he had with BBC World Service reporter after an unsuccessful armed assault on Col Gaddafi's headquarters in May.

Mr Russell is accused of possessing information prejudicial to state security, preparing reports on the attack and working as a BBC correspondent without an authorised Press card.

and no correspondents' licence. The fifth charge says his resident's visa had expired.

Mr Bannaf Mustapha, his defence lawyer appointed by the court, rejected the charges on the grounds of legality and substance. The first four should have been brought by the Information Bureau and the fifth by the Immigration Department but they had not.

Nothing Mr Russell passed on to the B.C. could be construed as compromising state security. He had acted only out of love for Libya and a real wish to maintain cordial relations between Libya and Britain.

He was not working for the BBC and was not paid, said Mr Mustapha, who added that Jesus Christ was respected by Muslims as a prophet and that now it would be a fitting time for the court to free Mr Russell.

But the court adjourned the case to the Epiphany when the three Wise Men came bearing gifts from the East. What the three judges in Tripoli have in store for Mr Russell remains to be seen.

State of shock

Speaking of the other Britons, Mr Russell said Mr Anderson was naturally concerned about his trial which has been adjourned to Jan. 12. He is charged with carrying information defamatory to Libya which was in fact, in a letter he was going to post in England for a colleague.

Mr Berdiner had been continually in a state of shock since he met him. He had heard and bad days and the others did their best to help him.

He said Mr Plummer, who last week complained of finding it "frankly difficult" to be British when trembling with the cold, was in good spirits.

And in an seasonal message to his family he added: "I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Happy New Year and I hope to be with you."

British wife's plight in Tripoli jail

By JAMES ALLAN in Tripoli

A BRITISH woman who has been held in a Tripoli jail for 14 months without her family in England knowing, Mrs Suzanne Suweili, is seeking a divorce from her Libyan husband to make her eligible for an exit visa.

PAIR FROM PIE MUST STAY JAILED

TWO leading members of the now defunct child campaign group Paedophile Information Exchange must stay in jail, three Appeal Court judges ruled yesterday.

Both men, who have been target for violence from other prisoners, must serve their full sentences, said Mr Justice Macpherson sitting with Lord Justice O'Connor and Mr Justice Evans.

David Bremner, 45, and David Jov, 43, were jailed for six and 18 months respectively at the Old Bailey in November for sending indecent material through the post.

Joy, an unemployed maths teacher, of Russell Street, Loughborough, Leicestershire, who was also found guilty of publishing an obscene article. He was refused leave to appeal.

Premier, of Upper Clapton Road, Clapton, lost his appeal against sentence.

Mr Justice Macpherson rejected arguments that Judge Gurney, in passing sentence, had been wrong to refer to the magazine's corrupting influence.

DRINK-DRIVE TRAIN DRIVER FACING JAIL

A Southern Region locomotive driver who admitted driving a passenger train under the influence of drink was advised to seek legal advice yesterday by magistrates who are considering jailing him.

Geoffrey Bailey, 26, of Ritherdon Road, Balham, failed to stop at Sydenham on Sept. 14, and when he halted at Sutton station admitted to police that he had been drinking.

Bailey has quit the railways after 10 years and now works as a despatch rider. He was remanded by Sutton magistrates on bail until Jan. 17.

MISSING WITNESS TRACED

A woman witness whose disappearance last week led to the abandonment of a murder trial at Bodmin Crown Court was traced by a judge yesterday to report to police twice a week until the new trial can be held.

Mrs Susan Catlin, 29, failed to appear at the trial of Thomas Hearli, 50, accused of murdering the owner of the bungalow in Newall.

A law passed two months ago now enables women in Libya to divorce their husbands but there is uncertainty as to how long the process will take, much depending on whether her husband opposes her petition.

The woman, whose family name is Bugler and comes from Salisbury, Wiltshire, married her husband, whom she met in Britain, and moved to Libya six years ago.

He fought with the Libyan Army in Chad, where he is understood to have lost both legs in an explosion and is believed now to be in Switzerland receiving medical treatment.

Meanwhile, she was having rows with her Libyan in-laws and in October last year, despite her strenuous denials, was given a suspended sentence for alleged adultery with her brother-in-law who also received a suspended sentence.

Her father-in-law told the court that Mrs Suweili would not be welcome back in his household and suggested she should be detained. She languished in Tripoli women's jail, for nearly 14 months before being released.

About two months ago the British interests section of the Italian Embassy was asked to make inquiries about her because of family concern.

Initially they were given the name Suzanne Ronald Jack, which did not help inquiries. Then about five weeks ago, the doven of the Maltese community traced her to the women's jail through Roman Catholic nuns on prison visiting work.

Mrs Suweili, who sleeps on a mattress on a floor and was recently given a blanket after complaining of the cold, is said to be in remarkably good spirits. Her in-laws have custody of the two children she had by her Libyan husband.

LABOURER ON 3 RAPE CHARGES

A 32-year-old labourer accused of raping three women and indecently assaulting other women and a man, was committed for trial yesterday by magistrates in Bunsstable, Bedfordshire.

The man, who made no comment during the 10-minute hearing, faces 15 charges including three of raping women at Eddisbury, Bedfordshire, Luton, also in Bedfordshire and Bampton, South Yorkshire.

HEIGHT OF PASSION

A boy who became stuck up a tree while looking for mistletoe yesterday, Anthony Modlen, 15, of Cherry Orchard, Watton-under-Edge, Glos, said he wanted the mistletoe "to make sure of getting a few kisses at the local disco."



Olympic swimmer Duncan Goodhew, 27, looking forward to a "cracker" of a Christmas with his American fiancée 24-year-old Miss Ann Patterson, of North Carolina, at the gold medalist's South London home yesterday. They are to be married on Christmas Eve.

Eight jailed after Mafia-backed Krugerrand plot

By IAN HENRY
Old Bailey Correspondent

EIGHT people involved in a Mafia-backed VAT swindle which defrauded the Customs and Excise of £5.9 million were jailed at the Old Bailey yesterday.

The mastermind behind the plot, David Barlow, 46, from Chichester, West Sussex, a former pupil of Stowe School, was jailed for six years.

Judge Lewisham told the gang that if such schemes were successful there were riches to be shared. But they should also know that if caught they would receive sentences to reflect their parts in large scale conspiracy.

The gang avoided £3,905,000 in VAT on £20 million worth of gold Krugerrands smuggled into Britain from Jersey and Switzerland and sold to genuine bullion dealers.

During the final stages of the eight-week trial a £1,000 bribery approach was made to a jurymen, and rejected.

Customs investigators believe that the initial £1 million finance for the plot came from American-based Mafia figures.

One of those arrested in an investigation code-named Operation Alliance, was Robert Margolis, but he was released due to lack of evidence.

In the Commons three days ago, Dr Jonathan McDonald, Labour MP for Thurrock, named both Robbie Margolis and his brother Abraham, as being according to the FBI, associates of the Mafia.

Those jailed yesterday involved Frederick Thomsett, 49, of Harrowden Road, Wembley; David Ryan, 24, of Beaconsfield Road, Chiswick; Thomas Daniels, 51, of Portland Place, Marylebone, all received two-year sentences.

Two French couriers who smuggled the coins into Britain in body belts, Francois Monegelli, 52, and Joel Lefevre, 35, both living in Brussels, were jailed for 12 months. Catherine Devanny, 32, of Beresford Road, Islington, was jailed for six months, and Alfred Haines, 61, Queens Road, Peckham, was sentenced to six months.

Death-race driver, 19, killed Pc

A 19-YEAR-OLD motorist who killed a policeman in his own age while racing another driver down a North London street was jailed for nine months at the Old Bailey yesterday.

NICHOLAS VERHOVEN, a British Telecom engineer, described as a "normal, hard-working and decent young man" who had never broken the law before, had left a pub at closing time last February after drinking four pints of lager, and was driving home when he decided to race another motorist as they pulled away from traffic lights in Seven Sisters Road, Finsbury Park.

Pc STEPHEN JONES stepped into the road to signal them to stop and died instantly as he was cut down. The young Welshman had been in the force for just a year.

Mr Justice KENNETH JONES, jailing Verhoven and banning him from driving for five years, said: "You couldn't even see this officer standing in the road in front of you, so you mowed him down."

Verhoven, of Shelbourne Road, Tottenham, admitted causing death by reckless driving. The other motorist in the race had never been traced.

Crash driver jailed

A Drink-driver Ademola Dyon, 52, unemployed, of Frith Road, Leytonstone, was jailed for six weeks, banned for two years and fined £65, at Clerkenwell yesterday when he admitted driving recklessly and without insurance.

He crashed his car into another vehicle after crossing a red light attempting to shake off police in a 90 mph chase through North London.

3 out of 93

Nottinghamshire police breathalysed 93 drivers—22 of them following accidents—on the first day of the force's drink-drive campaign on Wednesday. But only three were over the limit.

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ETHIOPIA PLAYS DOWN KENNEDY VIP RECEPTION

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Addis Ababa

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY'S visit to Ethiopia was given low-key coverage in the State-controlled media yesterday as the Marxist military régime continued to play down America's increasing role in the international famine-relief operation.

The visit has been overshadowed by the talks in Moscow between Lt-Col Mengistu, the Ethiopian leader, and senior Soviet Government officials, and reports of Soviet promises of increased co-operation in Ethiopia's 10-year development plan.

The Democratic Senator from Massachusetts is being presented to Ethiopians as just another world figure being received by the régime in its efforts to win international aid for more than seven million drought victims.

Television and newspaper coverage has given no hint of the importance which is in fact being attached to the visit by Ethiopian officials, because of the famous Kennedy name and the Senator's hopes of being Democratic contender for the Presidency in 1988.

Senator Kennedy, who is with his son Teddy Kennedy Jr. and daughter Kara, is being given maximum red-carpet VIP treatment.

He is being accompanied on his three-day tour of famine districts in a twin-engineered



Dakota of Ethiopian Airlines by senior Ethiopian officials who are thus away from their Addis offices for the best part of a working week.

The officials are having to rough it by staying overnight in small towns in remote famine areas because the Senator wants to stay in the field the whole time instead of flying back each night to the comfort of the Addis Ababa Hilton like most VIPs.

But the coverage of his visit, which began on Tuesday night, has been confined so far to a meeting with Mr Berhanna Bayih, the Acting Politburo head.

Out of disgrace There has been no report of Senator Kennedy's arrival at Addis Ababa that "many millions of Americans" cared deeply about the Ethiopian tragedy.

There was also no mention in newspapers yesterday of his visit to the John F. Kennedy memorial library at Addis Ababa University, built with \$2.5 million (£2.1 million) given by the American Government in 1985 and now again receiving gifts in a resumption of cultural assistance programmes sus-

Cash crisis threatens U.N. refugee agency

By JAMES MACMANUS Diplomatic Staff

A THIRD appeal in six weeks is to be launched today for drought victims in northern Africa by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in response to a situation "galloping out of control," according to a spokesman last night.

"For the first time in our history we are running out of money," Mr Michel Barton said in Geneva. The Geneva-based United Nations agency, which depends entirely on voluntary contribu-

tions from Governments, appealed for £7.5 million on Dec. 8 to help 200,000 people made homeless by drought in Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan and the Central African Republic. The agency issued a further request on Dec. 7 for £12 million for 360,000 hungry and homeless people.

Today's appeal is to be announced at a Press conference in Geneva, will be for almost double the joint amount and will focus exclusively on western Sudan, where 1.2 million people are affected by drought.

Mr Barton said up to 1,500 refugees were crossing daily from Chad into Sudan on some days. The situation in western Sudan, where 100,000 Chadian refugees were competing for aid with an increasingly hungry local population, had largely been eclipsed by the greater tragedy of Ethiopian refugees arriving in eastern border areas.

MORE E.E.C. AID Given boost by 'Ten' ALAN OSBORN reports from Brussels: The ten Common Market Governments have been asked to provide an extra 400,000 metric tons of grain to relieve famine in Africa, following the declaration at the Dublin summit two weeks ago that the Community would send 1.2 million tons to the stricken countries.

The E.E.C. can provide 800,000 tons from its own programmes, covering food aid, assistance to developing countries and emergency assistance. The remaining 400,000 tons will be met by member countries.

Shock turn in Sharon libel suit

By TONY ALLEN-MILLS

In New York

GEN. ARIEL SHARON'S multi-million dollar libel suit against TIME magazine took a surprise turn yesterday shortly after the former Israeli defence minister's lawyers rested their case.

They had expected that in the afternoon session TIME would present its first defence witnesses to rebut Gen. Sharon's claim that the magazine libelously accused him of instigating the 1982 massacre of Palestinian refugees in Beirut.

But the Sharon side was astonished when, instead of beginning what was expected to be a long and complex defence, the magazine's lawyers rested their case immediately.

So unprepared was Mr Milton Gould, Gen. Sharon's senior lawyer, that he was unable to make a summing-up speech to the jury, the next step in the process.

Even more surprised was Gen. Sharon, who was said yesterday to have left for Israel on a midday flight, sure that he would not be required before proceedings were suspended for the Christmas recess.

The development raised the prospect of a much quicker end to the case than anyone imagined. The court is expected to adjourn for Christmas after a brief session today and unless the judge keeps things going in that hope of a quick verdict, the summing-up speeches will be heard when the court resumes on Jan. 2.

Similar case Meanwhile, another similar action involving a distinguished general and a major American news organisation was also adjourned for Christmas, but in an action against CBS, the legal battle is likely to stretch well into 1985.

The 70-year-old general, former American commander in Vietnam, had been accused by a CBS documentary of disguising the true level of enemy troop strengths to make it appear that America was winning the war.

When the trial began 11 weeks ago there was wide expectation that it might turn into an expensive series of strategies and attitudes during the Vietnam era.

But far from sweeping grandly across America's role and purpose in fighting the war, the case was concerned on the gritty of intelligence gathering.

JAIL DEMANDED FOR JOURNALIST A martial law prosecutor has opened proceedings against the editor-in-chief and a columnist of the conservative Turkish daily, TERCUMAN, staff of the newspaper said yesterday.

They said the prosecutor called for jail terms of up to three years for the editor, Yusef Bastunc, and the columnist, Nazif Ilıcak, who are accused of breaching the provisional article of Turkey's 1982 constitution banning criticism of military rule from 1980 to 1983. No date has been set for the hearing.—Reuters.

'DISCRIMINATION' MOVE ATTACKED By Our Auckland Correspondent

Mr David Lange, New Zealand Prime Minister, was criticised in Parliament yesterday when he announced he had signed a document ratifying the convention to eliminate discrimination against women.

Mr Jim McLay, Leader of the Opposition, said the convention was being ratified after the Government had refused to allow the public, particularly women, to discuss its various aspects.

Christmas carollers entertaining Mrs Thatcher during her visit to a Hongkong kindergarten yesterday.

Pentagon 'leak' theory in spy-satellite row

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

THE row over publication by the American Press of details of a new spy satellite may have been deliberately provoked by the Pentagon as part of a campaign for more public support for its military space programmes, according to intelligence sources.

Those familiar with the Byzantine power struggles that go on within and between the more important Government agencies in Washington believe the latest dispute may have little to do with giving away secrets to the Russians.

One informant said Mr Caspar Weinberger, Defence Secretary, may have been keen to draw the public to his side during the continuing wrangle over cuts in his defence budget.

The theory goes that now is the time to cash in on President Reagan's overwhelming re-election victory, coupled with perception among senior aides that the public is not happy with a Press that usually takes an adversarial position.

There are those in the Pentagon who would like the Air Force to have its own space satellite programme, wholly independent of NASA, the civilian space agency.

The present row over disclosure of the spy satellite to be put in orbit by NASA's Shuttle Discovery next month could, it is felt, lead to pressures in Congress to revive the Air Force what it wants.

Press warned Defence officials certainly seemed anxious to suggest that details of the satellite had been "leaked" not by the Pentagon but by civilians at the NASA launch site at Cape Canaveral. NASA and the Press were depicted as the villains of the piece.

Many in Washington were puzzled by the way the Pentagon began this week's series of developments over the satellite launchings.

On Monday, Brig-Gen. Richard Ladd called a Press conference to talk about the Discovery's

satellite. The satellites are used to monitor Soviet radio and television communications with particular emphasis on those connected with missile tests.

Too weighty Mr Weinberger on Wednesday sharply criticised the Washington Post, which was the first to give details of the satellite.

He said it was the "height of journalistic irresponsibility." But Mr Ben Bradlee, the Post's Editor, rejected the charge, maintaining the Post had withheld information that could not be found elsewhere, such as in the Pentagon's own publications and the texts of Congressional hearings.

The mission which begins on Jan. 25 will be the first shuttle flight devoted to military tasks, the main one being to place the 30,000lb "Sigint" (signal intelligence) satellite in stationary orbit over the western Soviet Union.

It is understood that four or five smaller "Sigint" satellites are already in orbit over the Soviet Union, placed there by expendable rockets. The new "Sigint" is more sophisticated and too weighty to be sent into orbit by rocket.

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HERRING BONUS FOR BRITAIN

By JOHN LICHFIELD

In Brussels

BRITISH and other Common Market fishermen will start the New Year knowing how much they are allowed to catch for the first time in E.E.C. history.

E.E.C. fisheries ministers reached agreement on 1985 quotas for all major fish species in the early hours of yesterday. In previous years fishermen have had to make do with provisional limits while negotiations dragged on until as late as December.

The figures agreed yesterday gave substantial increases in the British fleet's permitted catch of cod, haddock, herring, plaice and whiting in the North Sea. Mackerel and herring catches in the Atlantic west of Scotland were reduced to conserve stocks, in line with scientific advice.

The most dramatic increase was in the North Sea herring catch where the British quota was almost doubled to slightly more than 58,000 tons.

Disaster warning This follows a remarkable recovery in the North Sea herring shoals which were fished almost to extinction during the 1960s and early 1970s. A complete ban on fishing was imposed for five years from 1977, and the herring stocks in the North Sea are now flourishing.

For the second year in succession, however, the Common Market and Norway have failed to agree on a division of permitted herring catches.

Brussels and Oslo as a result have set independent catch limits which, taken together, go beyond the maximum recommended by scientists.

British fishermen's leaders at the negotiations in Brussels warned that disaster could again await the herring shoals unless agreement is reached with Norway by 1986.

The recovery of the herring and other major North Sea species such as cod and haddock is seen in Brussels as a vindication of E.E.C. fisheries policy, and the tougher controls on catches imposed by the E.E.C. Commission for the first time this year.

Overall quotas in all sea areas allocated to the British fleet for major species in 1985 (with 1984 figures in brackets) are: cod 132,510 tons (117,910); haddock 159,070 tons (140,640); coley 22,480 tons (20,860); whiting 84,890 tons (79,480); plaice 58,920 tons (55,710); mackerel 220,330 tons (223,700); herring 105,080 tons (80,000).

E.E.C. IN GOOD SHAPE TO MEET TRADE WAR

The ten Common Market countries are in good shape to meet the international trade challenges of the United States and Japan, Viscount Davignon, the E.E.C. industry commissioner said yesterday in a farewell speech.

Viscount Davignon, who many regard as having been the main inspiration behind the outgoing E.E.C. Commission, is returning to business life in Belgium though it is widely believed he will return to politics.

POLICE RETAIN TWO ITN TAPES By Our Johannesburg Correspondent

Security police have returned all but two of the 33 video cassettes seized on Wednesday from the Johannesburg offices of Independent Television News, an ITN spokesman said yesterday.

One of the cassettes still with police contains an interview with Mrs. Elia Ramogin, a grand-daughter of Mahatma Gandhi and wife of Mr. Sewa Ramogin, arrested on high-treason charges when the sit-in at the British Consulate in Durban ended earlier this month.

Refugees return as deadly gas stocks are made safe

By DAVID GRAVES in Bhopal

TENS of thousands of people struggled to return home to Bhopal yesterday as the last of the chemical stocks which caused the world's worst industrial disaster were neutralised.

Buses and trains were packed as many of the 250,000 who had fled started to return.

Life in the central Indian city began to pick up as "Operation Faith" — the neutralisation process — drew to a close.

Nearly a third of Bhopal's population had feared that, despite stringent precautions while the gas was being treated, there could have been a repetition of the poison cloud leak that killed 2,500 people on December 3.

Bhopal had become a ghost city when scientists began the operation on Sunday.

By yesterday they had converted all but three tons of the remaining deadly methyl isocyanate into agricultural pesticides at the American-owned Union Carbide plant on the outskirts of the city.

Wards packed A small amount of the lethal chemical will be kept for examination by police investigators who will move into the plant to discover how the gas leaked and who was responsible.

Tankers yesterday continued to spray water on most of Bhopal's major roads and fire crews drenched sacking draped 20ft-high around the barbed-wire fence of the sprawling factory as a precautionary measure.

Life was slowly returning to normal. Some shops and businesses had reopened and the streets of the old quarter, which had earlier been deserted, were teeming again.

Wards at the City's Hamidia Hospital were still packed with victims—men, women and children lying side by side, swathed in bandages.

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Polish leader aims for a fitter party team

By ROBIN GEDYE in Warsaw

POLAND'S Central Committee meets today in plenary session, three years and one week after martial law saved the Communist party apparatus from collapse.

The extent of its return to grace remains debatable. The murder of Fr Popieluszko, expected to be discussed at the plenum, exposed divisions within the state's ideological core which three years of harsh pruning has failed to eradicate.

Party membership dropped by one-third, from 3.1 million shortly before the emergence of Solidarity in August 1980, to 2.2 million, around which it has more or less remained static for a year.

In 1983 the party expelled 8,000 members for lack of ideological commitment. According to Mr Jerzy Majka, chief of the Central Committee Press Department, Gen. Jaruzelski, the party leader, does not want membership to exceed three million until the end of the decade.

The aim is to achieve a leaner, fitter organisation more able to cope with the political opposition era. But Fr Popieluszko's murder pointed clearly to the disease of extremism on both sides of the Polish political spectrum that has plagued the nation throughout its history.

Hard-line plot Talk of a plot backed by neo-Stalinist hard-liners wishing to precipitate another crisis in Poland that could lead to an even harsher régime continues to be the accepted explanation for the murder.

Supporters of such ideological extremism are not merely confined to the security forces. They are still, despite Gen. Jaruzelski's best efforts, not only within the party Central Committee but in government itself.

It is both such extremists and those who show signs of being apologists for Solidarity whom the party have sought to eradicate from its ranks.

Maucy Mochnicki, one of Poland's best-known political thinkers, wrote 150 years ago: "Under strong government the Poles rebel because they have to, under a weak government because they can."

ENVOY'S PEACE PLAN FACES RACISM CHARGE

M. Edgard Pisani, France's special envoy, returned yesterday with a series of options for the troubled South Pacific island's future.

He was sent to the French territory after violence flared between the minority French settlers and the majority favouring continued ties with France, suiting the Kanaks in independence in a separate ballot.

Mr Pisani has suggested a referendum in a separate ballot, says a separate poll smacks of racism.—Reuters.

POPE'S PLEA TO WORLD YOUTH

From LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

THE Pope yesterday called on young people everywhere to reject drugs, alcohol, promiscuous sex and what he called "dangerous ideologies."

His passionately-worded plea was contained in his annual message for world peace. He spoke of the difficult time when the threats of destructive violence and war are many.

His eight-language message, destined for the Roman Catholic Church's annual "World Day of Peace" on Jan. 1, is addressed to "All people of good will." It put special emphasis on the young because of the United Nations making 1985 "International Youth Year."

He attacked Marxist-inspired ideologies and humanist and ideas as a principal cause of tensions in today's world.

The Polish-born Pope invited the world's youngsters "to take up your responsibility in this greatest of spiritual adventures to build human life, as individuals and in society, with respect for the vocation of man."

He continued: "Your choices will now decide whether, in the future you will suffer from the many of ideological systems that reduce the dynamics of society to the logic of class struggle."

The values that you choose will decide whether relations between nations will continue to be overshadowed by tragic tensions that are the product of undeclared or openly declared designs to subdue all peoples to regimes where God does not count."

FRANCE WILL MONITOR CHAD WITHDRAWAL

French and Greek military officers, who are already in the Libyan capital of Tripoli, will draw of Libyan troops from there, it was announced in Paris yesterday.

France withdrew its 5,500 troops from Chad where they had been backing President Habre against Libyan-supported rebels after signing a withdrawal agreement with Libya on Sept. 17.

Both sides announced that withdrawal had been completed on November 10. But President Gaddafi and afterwards announced that Libyan troops were still present in the northern part of the African republic.—Reuters.

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POWELL CONDEMNS THATCHER 'PATH TO BARBARISM'

By OUR POLITICAL STAFF

MR ENOCH POWELL accused the Prime Minister last night of paving the way for an "inhuman and barbarous state" by insisting that education spending had to be diverted towards science in the interests of national prosperity.

True learning and teaching, said Mr Powell, was "to the glory of God," and was not intended to be useful. Consequently, it was a retrograde step for governments to concentrate spending on one form of education rather than another.

"The State which tries to use its power to exalt and promote one kind of learning to the disadvantage of the other is an inhuman and barbarous State."

POWELL DEMO FEAR

'Any Questions?' switch

Our TV AND RADIO CORRESPONDENT writes: Tynbee Hall, the East End welfare centre, has withdrawn an invitation to BBC Radio 4's "Any Questions?" to be broadcast from there tonight because it fears the presence of Mr Powell on the panel may provoke a disturbance.

The programme, with John Timpon presiding over a team completed by David Frost, will instead be transmitted from Broadcasting House.

Tynbee Hall's invitation, made initially over two years ago and confirmed last January, was sent long before the "make-up" of the panel was known. Mr John Profumo, chairman of the Tynbee Hall centenary, is understood to have decided that the risk of trouble was not worth taking.

LIBEL AWARD TO LABOUR CHIEF WHIP

Mr Michael Cocks, Labour Chief Whip, was given a public apology and libel damages yesterday over a *Mail* on Sunday article which said he was set to lead a mass defection of Labour MPs.

Mr Cocks, MP for Bristol South, sued for libel because the article constituted a serious attack on his loyalty to the party and on his position as whip. His counsel in the High Court in London. There was not a word of truth in the allegation, he said.

Associated Newspapers, Stewart Stevens, *Mail* on Sunday editor, and Peter Simmons, political editor, had agreed to pay Mr Cocks "damages on the scale one would expect for such a grave libel," and to pay his legal costs.

LIBEL DAMAGES FOR TRIALLISTS

Two well-known sheep dog triallists, Hywel Jones, of Ruthin, Clwyd, and Enis Edwards, of Bodfari, Clwyd, won undisclosed libel damages from the BBC and ITV over an allegation, screened in November 1982, that they tried improperly to influence a competition judge.

Their counsel, Mr Jonathan Sofer, told Deputy Judge Patrick Gennett, QC, that the allegation was wholly untrue. Both the BBC and ITV now accepted that they had been guilty of any misconduct, and apologised and agreed to pay suitable libel damages and legal costs.

RECORD SHOP SALES FORECAST

High street stores are heading for a record Christmas in sales, and growth in the retail trade is expected to continue into the New Year, according to a survey published yesterday.

The grocery sector is doing particularly well, especially in sales of wine, and a recent growth in full and part-time jobs within the retail and wholesale trade is expected to continue, says the Confederation of British Industry.

CALL FOR SHOPS TO BAN TOY

Toy shops have been advised to stop selling a new American toy after a safety scare. The toy, Instant Zoo, consists of tiny capsules that break up in water releasing a much larger sponge zoo animal.

Trading Standards officers fear that a child might mistake the capsules for pills and that they would expand in the throat or stomach.

FLAT SETTLEMENT

We are asked to make it clear that in proceedings at West London County Court reported by the Press Association on Dec. 11, an out-of-court settlement was reached in an action by landlords Stafford Court Ltd., and Pegasus Ltd., against Mrs Madeleine Chadwick, whose husband John is a retired diplomat, seeking repossession of the flat the couple occupy at Stafford Court, Kensington High Street.



PICTURE: SPIDIA DIUKANOVIC

Three-year-old John Wilkinson hardly overjoyed by a visit from Santa Claus who took a sackful of toys for patients at the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond Street yesterday. John left soon afterwards with his mother, Mrs Ruth Wilkinson, to return to their home at Wickford, Essex.

BISHOP ATTACKS COUNCIL

THE Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt. Rev. David Sheppard, yesterday criticised the city's Left-wing Labour Council over its policies of housing black tenants.

He demanded that the authority should introduce detailed monitoring of council houses, to make sure that black families are getting a fair deal.

His statement came as the Commission for Racial Equality published a report, "Race and Housing in Liverpool," which claimed that black people were being allocated poorer council housing than whites.

The report, based on a four-year study, showed that housing policies and practices had created black ghettos in Toxteth.

It called for Liverpool City Council, which is committed to equal opportunities, to begin monitoring the ethnic origins of tenants. But the council has already refused to adopt such a policy.

Bishop 'disturbed'

The Bishop said: "I was disturbed to hear that the city council has not introduced detailed monitoring. It will not do just to make brave statements. The only way we can get at the heart of a complicated matter is by keeping detailed statistics and by reviewing the effects of policies."

Mr Alex Bennett, Merseyside senior community relations officer, said: "This report confirms what blacks in Liverpool have known for many years. There is institutional racism within the provision of services and housing is just one area."

The report discloses that only six out of 754 people working for the council's housing department are black. It says that black families tend to be channelled into the poorer housing of Toxteth whether they choose to live there or not.

Mr Alfred Stocks, Liverpool City Council Chief Executive, said the authority had co-operated fully in preparing the report and welcomed its findings.

SIX YEARS FOR ROBBING WIDOW, AGED 90 OF £6

A man who threatened to rape and kill a 90-year-old widow in her country cottage before robbing her of £6-50 was jailed for six years yesterday.

Mr Justice Leggatt, sentencing Alan Welsh, 32, at Winchester Crown Court, called it a "really nasty premeditated robbery."

Welsh, an unemployed labourer, of First Avenue, Ravenswood, Tadley, near Basingstoke, admitted robbing Mrs Iris Johnson, 90, of Rosemary Cottage, Silchester, near Basingstoke. He had gone to her home pretending to be ill, and got her to fetch him three cups of water.

IRISH INFLATION DOWN TO 6.7 pc

By A DUBLIN CORRESPONDENT

Inflation in the Irish Republic is down to 6.7 per cent, its lowest level for 10 years and better than the government had been predicting. The Irish pound rose to almost 80p against sterling, its highest level for over a year.

The news comes at a time when Dr FitzGerald's coalition government is trailing the Opposition Fianna Fail party by 15 per cent in the opinion polls.

LESSON IN TACT

Education officials in Mid Wales have decided to drop their usual policy of wishing teachers in the region "a prosperous New Year" because spending cuts imposed by the Government will mean poorer job prospects and low wage rises.

More competition in conveyancing planned

By TERENCE SHAW Legal Correspondent

CHANGES in the law to promote greater competition for domestic conveyancing and to give better protection to the public against inadequate professional work by solicitors are included in the Government's Administration of Justice Bill, published yesterday.

It also allows for the privatisation of the county court judgments register, transfers jurisdiction to deal with legal aid complaints to the disciplinary tribunals of the Bar and the Law Society, and reduces the time limits for bringing actions for libel and slander.

As expected, the Bill implements the main recent proposals of a Conveyancing Committee, headed by Prof. Julian Farrand, for controls of licensed conveyancing on the present solicitors' near-monopoly of conveyancing has ended.

Under the Bill, licensed non-solicitor conveyancers will be able to undertake conveyancing for reward under the general supervision of a Council of Licensed Conveyancers, which will have the responsibility of ensuring that the standards of competence and conduct of licensed conveyancers are sufficient to provide adequate consumer protection.

£200,000 outlay

The council will have power to lay down regulations for the education, training and examination of licensed conveyancers, rules of professional practice, conduct and discipline, and indemnities and compensation for those who may suffer loss through negligence, fraud or dishonesty.

Its members will be appointed by the Lord Chancellor and, although it is intended that the council should eventually be self-financing through licensing fees, its initial costs are estimated to not exceed £200,000 over a three-year period.

Under the Bill, which has been introduced in the House of Lords, licensed non-solicitor conveyancers should be exempt from the restrictions on the present law which restricts conveyancing for fee, gain or reward to barristers, solicitors or notaries public.

These restrictions on conveyancing will be extended by the Bill to cover not only the preparation of the documents for the transfer of land but also the preparation of contracts, as recommended by the Royal Commission on Legal Services headed by Lord Benson.

As expected, the Bill gives the Law Society the new powers

A-TEST HEARINGS IN LONDON

By CHARLES LAURENCE

LORD PENNEY, former director of the Aldermaston atomic weapons research centre, is to give evidence to the Australian Royal Commission investigating the conduct and effects of nuclear test explosions in Australia from 1952 to 1963.

The Commission, set up last summer, is to sit in London during January to take evidence from British servicemen involved in the tests, and from the Government.

Mr Peter McClellan, counsel to the Commission, said at a news conference in London: "Lord Penney was the man who directed the tests and he will be the most important witness we hear in London."

He had called Lord Penney, director of Aldermaston between 1955 and 1959, as an independent witness, but that the British government had also put him forward as a witness on their behalf.

The Commission is also to take oral evidence from more than 30 servicemen who were involved in the tests, from atomic scientists, and from the Ministry of Defence.

The Commission, headed by Mr Justice McClellan, the Chief Judge of the New South Wales Land and Environment Court, started taking evidence in Australia in October and is due to report to the federal government next June.

Prohibition steps

The terms of reference are to examine: Steps taken to manage the tests and trial sites following the tests; ARRANGEMENTS made to stop unauthorised people from entering prohibited areas; RADIOLOGICAL and Health standards; ARRANGEMENTS to monitor fallout and

Disposal of contaminated buildings and equipment. The Commission is also to make recommendations on the future use of the sites, mostly in the desert areas of Southern Australia and on off-shore islands, particularly with reference to a plan to hand some over to Aborigines.

Mr Hawke, Prime Minister, set up the Commission after growing pressure from Australian veterans and tribal Aborigines, who claimed they had suffered ill-health following the nuclear tests.

Secrets exemption

Mr Justice McClellan said British witnesses had been exempted from their obligations under the Official Secrets Act to enable them to testify on three counts: MEASURES taken to protect personnel; ARRANGEMENTS to exclude unauthorised personnel; and THE DISPOSAL of contaminated buildings and materials.

They will not, however, be able to make any reference to the weapons themselves. The Government has agreed to hand over "large batches" of official documents to the Commission, unclassified papers will be published with other evidence, but the judge expected that much would be secret and reviewed in private.

The Commission plans to produce two reports: one for public consumption, and one containing classified material, for the Australian government only.

POWER STATION'S TURBINE SNAG

Thorne Marsh power station near Doncaster will have its capacity reduced by half for at least three months following a shaft in one of its two generating turbines buckling. Repairs could cost £1 million, and will not be completed until well into the New Year.

Turkeys plentiful, but shop now for beef and pork

By BRENDA PARRY

THERE are plenty of turkeys still in the shops, fresh ones and varying types of frozen birds, but it would be best to get to your butcher first thing if you want anything like a good choice of beef and pork.

A record harvest of home-grown vegetables is keeping prices well down below what they were last Christmas.

The traditional sprouts and carrots are especially good as are onions and cabbage. If you want something more exotic there are plenty of green peppers, French beans, Chinese leaves and almost anything you care to choose at greengrocers.

A bumper crop of potatoes is reflected in the bargain prices and only home-grown cauliflower have been affected by the weather which means supplies are coming from Jersey and Brittany and are rather expensive at 60-80p each.

Prices at many shops are bound to be artificially high on Christmas Eve, so it would be best to buy supplies today and tomorrow.

Apples in good supply

Fruit and nuts will be high on this week's shopping list. The traditional apples and oranges are in good supply and even greater supply and choice of exotic fruits.

Pineapples under £1 each are particularly good value and make excellent desserts with the minimum of effort. Satsumas are plentiful and very inexpensive and you can even find peaches and nectarines from the Cape in good greengrocers. Nuts are more expensive this year because of a shortfall in the hazelnut crop.

While fresh supplies are always the most attractive, the freezer really comes into its own for a long holiday break like this one, with many people wanting to buy food for a fortnight to save shopping the weekend after Christmas.

If you have a traditional roast for Christmas Day, be it turkey, duckling, beef or pork, then why not ring the changes with the vegetables? Turkey meat is often dry, however carefully you cook it, so why not try mixed vegetables in a creamy cheese sauce, or perhaps Beigan's ratatouille, or their delicious stir-fry mixed vegetables with a Chinese flavour?

While gammon hams are traditional for Boxing Day, salmon is the ideal buffet food, and at £1.79 lb for gutted whole fish at Beigan it will go a long way and look very impressive.

Britons flock abroad for festive sunshine

By IAN BOYNE

RECORD numbers of Britons are joining in this year's "get away from it all" Christmas and New Year holiday rush, which reaches its peak this weekend.

Tour operators say more people than ever are flying abroad to enjoy winter sunshine or skiing holidays. Bookings are said to be up by 15-20 per cent, and most companies are claiming that package holiday deals are practically sold out.

Leading attractions for winter sunseekers are Spain, Portugal and the Canary Islands, with long-haul bookings for The Gambia and the West Indies also proving popular. Christmas puddings are being flown out by Thomson Holidays to be the Airbus A1 to Heathrow.

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THE DECORATIVE DAUGHTER OF A FAMOUS MOTHER PROVES SHE HAS TALENTS OF HER OWN

A stunning beauty who helps turn make-up into a work of art

IN her pictures she is uncannily like her mother, Ingrid Bergman, but in the flesh Isabella Rossellini has an arresting Italian beauty and an unexpected vivaciousness, far removed from her mother's rather shy manner or the languorous beauty she herself portrays in the Lancôme advertisements.

The occasion was the Paris launch of Lancôme's new spring colours, "L'Art Lumière," so the suitable and stunning setting was the Museum of L'Art Moderne against a backdrop of Dufy's luminous mural, La Fée Électrique.

Nevertheless it was the slight figure with the cropped, boyish haircut and the black velvet dress that stood out, even against the competition of such a work of art. She has a magnetic star quality of her own, plus talent too, which is soon to be revealed in the film "White Nights" which she has just completed

and in which she stars with Mikhail Baryshnikov and Gregory Hines.

At 32, twice married (her first marriage was to director Martin Scorsese) Isabella has come to acting late through journalism, then modelling. In fact, it was on a "shoot" for English Vogue that she

It was considered quite daring yet it worked very well and now Fort de Vitale is a best-selling product.

Instead of being influenced either by her mother's natural brand of beauty or Lancôme's highly fashion-conscious colour

keeps her make-up routine simple and switches products according to the condition of her skin and the seasons. But she always takes time to cleanse carefully.

Her skin is unbelievably clear and pale, her lashes amazingly long. Her curvaceous Armani dress of black velvet stunned the French, who would have preferred to

have seen her dressed in something by them; she does in fact dress at both Jean Paul Gaultier and Azzedine Azaïa.

Currently one of the world's highest-paid models, she is one of the new breed of personality-plus faces with whom women in their thirties who spend money on make-up find it so much easier to identify.

Now the film is finished, what next? "Acting, if they'll have me," she says.

BY ANN CHUBB

met her current husband, 26-year-old Jonathan Wiederman when they both modelled for leading fashion photographer Bruce Webber.

With her 350,000-dollar contract for Lancôme, Isabella takes a highly professional interest in beauty and watches intently the progress of the products she promotes. Her favourite advertisement is still the sleeping beauty of the Fort de Vitale promotion. As she said: "It was quite daring to do. We were all very scared because I had my eyes closed and that's very rare in a beauty ad."

says that she tries to keep a professional distance. And, while she will use a top make-up artist for special events or evenings, "when I'm not in front of a camera I wear only a very little foundation just to even out my skin and very little eye make-up because I find it difficult to do. But I'm crazy about very deep, dark, glossy lipsticks."

With the whole gamut of the Lancôme range to choose from, Isabella

RIGHT: launching Lancôme's new spring make-up colours, Isabella Rossellini, Ingrid Bergman's daughter. Picture by KENNETH MASON.



GETTING INTO SHAPE FOR BABY

WHEN so many couples make a decision that the time is right for them to start a family, and when so much is known about positive and negative factors in the child's pre-natal development, then a preparation programme for a healthy pregnancy is a practical precaution.

Straightforward, unalarming advice on how to start about it is available in "Countdown to a Healthy Baby" by Heather B. Fildes (Collins, £5.95). Most women now know that even minimal amounts of alcohol and a few cigarettes a day can affect the foetus and they should give up both in advance of trying to conceive. But other people's cigarette smoke, and highly-polluted streets full of lead fumes from petrol, also present a hazard.

Many women first suspect they are pregnant when their usual enthusiasm for coffee turns to revulsion, and with good reason.

The caffeine in tea, coffee or cola-type drinks can be a factor in birth defects if your intake is high enough, or in hyperactivity in children as they grow. One cup a day or a switch to decaffeinated drinks is the answer. And don't assume the chocolate and cocoa drinks are

checks. (There are Pre-conceptual clinics now, run by Foresight among other organisations.)

While the husband has a semen test to ensure his healthiness, the wife should have the blood test which shows immunity to rubella (German measles). The latter is essential

pregnant woman develops 50,000 calories' worth of new tissue and needs an extra 50,000 calories to cope with the strain, but taken in quality not quantity. Around 150 calories extra a day (the equivalent of two slices of wholemeal bread) is enough during the first

intending to become pregnant.

Pre-natal care is essential at every stage of pregnancy, but another very practical book, "The Maternity Rights Handbook" by Ruth Evans and Lyn Durward (Penguin £3.95) points out that if your G.P. does not provide

in a t e n e care, or you do not wish him or her to do so, you can transfer for that period alone.

The Post Office will give a list of G.P.s in the area trained in maternity care, or you can get the list from the local Family Practitioner Committee.

Your new G.P. will also treat you for any other illnesses during your pregnancy. The handbook, compiled by the Maternity Alliance, concentrates especially on mothers who work during pregnancy.

It warns that the most innocuous fluids (like correcting fluid used by typists, for example) can contain harmful chemicals. While domes-

BY LYNNE EDMUNDS

caffeine-free; they are not. Tap water is not necessarily harmless either, particularly if you're in a soft water area. (Infant mortality and the number of congenital malformities among new-born babies are higher in these areas.)

You can ask your local water authority to test for safe levels of lead, cadmium, copper, and aluminium (they have a statutory duty to comply); or buy bottled mineral water as much as possible.

Before becoming pregnant, all advisors agree, both prospective parents should have medical

because a pregnant woman contracting the disease in the early months has a 50 per cent. chance of having a severely handicapped baby.

Diet is important for both husband and wife for at least three months before conception, with a minimum of processed food, and the additives they contain, and as much fresh nutritious food as possible. This will lessen the mother's chances of suffering from morning sickness, leg cramps and high blood pressure and guard against a miscarriage or birth defects.

It is now known that a

three months, rising to 350 calories extra a day in the final six months.

Mothers on nutritious diets tend to gain an average of 28lb in weight and have bigger babies.

The large imbalance in the percentage of healthy births between mothers in different social groups in this country is put down mainly to the deficient diets of poorer mothers.

Medical drugs of all kinds, whether on prescription or not, have to be treated with great caution during pregnancy. (This includes the Pill, so you should give it up three to six months before

tic microwave ovens are not a risk since they are not on all day. Industrial ovens, driers, and sealers give out significant non-ionising radiation which can lead to miscarriages.

Ionising radiation from X-ray machines and nuclear radiation can cause reproductive harm to men and women. New regulations, due to come into force in early 1985, set differing low maximum levels for ionising radiation for pregnant women, women of reproductive age, and older women. There is a comprehensive list in the book of work hazards for pregnant women, from anaesthetics and solvents to pesticides and infectious agents. (Some evidence, even if slight, and based on animal findings, shows that certain chemicals reduce male fertility and libido, and some damage the reproductive organs and cause impotence.)

The handbook ranges through a long list of legal rights, from right of return to work to family law and social benefits.

RINGING THE CODE

QUITE a few people are in for a surprise this Christmas. Instead of the traditional gift of a bottle of whisky or a nude girl calendar they will receive a key ring.

But it is a key ring with a difference. Attached to it is a brass tag engraved with a secret code.

That makes it a very special present, for it signifies that a subscription for one year has been paid to an organisation called Key Security Club.

Over 3,000 people have joined in the past few months, and many more are now paying the annual £5.75 subscription in the names of business friends, employees and relatives in a pre-Christmas gift rush.

Thousands of people lose their keys every year. Last year alone, some 20,000 keys and key rings were handed in to the London Transport Lost Property Office and the London main-line stations.

Only a small proportion ever get back to their rightful owners as there is no clue to identification.

Out of a total of 9,555 sets of keys handed to London Transport last year, only 2,000 were restored to the owners. These figures do not include keys found in lost handbags and purses.

Replacement of a full set of keys by a loser is an expensive business. If, for security reasons, it is decided to have all the existing locks in the home or business changed, it becomes a very costly job indeed, probably running into hundreds of pounds.

Key Security Club is changing that picture. If keys attached to one of its new-style rings are lost, all that the finder has to do is drop them into the nearest post box.

The Post Office will send them direct to the club service centre. The secret code also engraved on the tag enables the identification of the loser to be established immediately.

The keys are returned, free, by first-class post or, in cases of emergency, by messenger on the same day, at the loser's own cost.

And, if the keys fail to be returned within two weeks and it becomes necessary for locks to be changed, the Club will pay the cost of replacement, up to a total of £100.

Once the original fee has been paid, other members of a family — up to a total of five — may be registered as members for a fee of £1 to £15 each.

Key Security Club is at 8, Princes Street, Hanover Square, London W1R 7RB.

By Robert Traini

YOU WRITE

ARE country people unfriendly to newcomers? Not according to Mrs Heather Russell of Torkers Green, Reading.

Contradicting Mary Jefferson's criticism (Viewpoint last Friday), she gives her experience as someone who, after years in a town, moved to a village ten weeks ago. "I already know more people than I did in 10 years in my town road... have been offered lifts to various local places, been taken shopping, given eggs... had my bicycle repaired by a friendly neighbour."

Unlike in town, she finds that "most people you meet speak and are friendly. Give me villages rather than townies any day."

Mrs Joan Hoysted of Chelmsford, Essex, writes to make an interesting suggestion over one of the factors which could feature in the large number of cot deaths — still not satisfactorily diagnosed. "Can the lack of talk of cot death during the war possibly be connected with the fact that in those days synthetic fabrics had hardly made their appearance on the nursery scene? Are we paying a price for drip-dry, no-iron fabrics which lack the porosity and absorbent qualities of wool and cotton? Bedrooms were unheated then, by the way, and prams, well-sheltered, were put outside in every kind of weather."

The inexplicably high tem-

peratures of some babies who have become cot-death statistics certainly suggest this factor could be looked at.

A slightly harsh note on fashion for this festive season, comes from a Ripon, North Yorkshire, reader. Mrs A. Binners, who disapproved of the throwaway hairstyle and look of a young model. Preferably, she suggests, "She could have jumped out of her bath, put on a towel and gone as she was."

The eternal controversy over the use of Ms for women, either because marital status is not known or because people feel they should share the anonymous status of all men (since "Mr." tells you nothing), rumbles on.

A Hinckley reader (who, happily, signs herself Mrs D. J. Thomast) writes about her in-comprehension of the extreme anti-reactions to the use of Ms of previous contributors on the subject.

"My dictionary defines it as 'the feminine of Mr.' Its arrival is long overdue." She points out that addressing a woman incorrectly as Miss or Mrs, when writing to her without personal knowledge of her status, could cause offence.

But she also, interestingly, asks for the old term of address of "Ma'am" — with its own ambiguity — to be revived. "Why should it be confined to royalty and police

and Services officers?" On the other hand, she insists, she is happy in the meantime to be addressed in writing as Ms.

Mr T. D. Penrice, headmaster of Harecroft Hall School, Gosforth, Cumbria, writes to point out the interesting usage of "Miss" these days for married and unmarried teachers. "Does anyone share my dislike of that?" he wonders.

Tickle note: Mr Kenneth Warr, secretary of the Royal Photographic Society, wrote to point out that tickets for the all-day workshop on January 3 at the R.P.S. National Centre in Bath must be acquired in advance (apply to him at Society offices at The Octagon, Milson Street, Bath BA1 1DN).

HOT FAVOURITE WITH TOMORROW'S COOKS

THERE are signs that the next great discovery or those of us always searching for new taste sensations is likely to be Mexican food.

Certainly, in its range and subtlety of flavours and textures, and its complicated cultural history, it can provide an alternative to Indian or Chinese cuisine.

Louise Nichols, born in Mexico City but who moved to England 17 years ago with her Yorkshire husband, has been promoting her native food for most of that time. Her major step forward has come with the publication of this winter, what is bound to become a classic, "Mexican Cookery" (Collins, £9.95).

Her introduction documents the history of Mexican cuisine, the Aztecs, who hand-patted their corn tortillas freshly before each meal (as Mexican families do in the United States, often still do) and whose emperors chose from a thousand dishes at each meal, including fish brought by runners from the Pacific and pheasants from far off Yucatan.

Then came the Spanish conquerors, who accepted the Aztecs' principal drink of chocolate and exported it to

A BOOK WITH THE TASTE OF MEXICO

Europe but, otherwise, for at least a century, stuck to their own food, importing pigs, chickens, cattle, cereals, wine and olive oil among other ingredients.

Tequila is also a Spanish invention. They distilled the juice of a previously-unused type of agave (cactus-type) plant. Then, in the mid-19th century, Mexico was under French occupation and the results are still there in the baguettes, croissants, pâtés, crème caramel and other delicacies.

Louise's book details all this history and, as well as explanations of all the ingredients in her dishes, has useful tips on essentials, such as how to keep chillies fresh (and how to revive yourself if you



bite into a ferociously hot one: chew cheese).

I asked an American friend with long experience of Mexican food to cook a menu from the wide selection, ranging over superb dips, soups, snacks, vegetables and salad dishes, meat and fish, breads and biscuits.

It was a varied and satisty-

Mexico City-born Lourdes Michéaux offers her native cooking as a new alternative to Indian and Chinese cuisine in her book "Mexican Cookery."

ing meal, starting with a spicy bean dip made with beans, cream cheese and chilis. We went on to stuffed tortillas.

These corn or wheat tortillas (like chewy pancakes) were filled with chicken and topped with tomato sauce, cream and cheese. With them came a rice casserole with peppers, sour cream and

mozzarella cheese and a delicious stuffed courgette dish.

An original pork dish, pork in green tomato sauce (the meat marinated first in vinegar, salt, pepper and sugar), was the final savoury choice.

Then, from a mouthwatering selection of caramels, jellies, ice-creams, fruit dishes and sweet pancakes and fritters, our cook chose a superb mango cream with hazelnut (tinned mangoes can be used). It was subtly flavoured, creamy and delicious.

The expert's view of the book is that it is ideal both for the newcomer to Mexican food and people like herself who are knowledgeable about it but do not know where to get many of the ingredients in Britain.

She found the recipes authentically Mexican — not the bastardised American versions — and also fairly simple and straightforward to follow, and applauded the chapter with suggested menus. But she wished there was more information about what preparations could be done in advance and which dishes could be reheated.

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U.S. BUDGET DILEMMAS

THE PROSPECTS for President REAGAN's fiscal budget message get poorer by the minute. The President's problem is that by the end of January he must produce a budget which indicates to the financial markets that he is serious about deflating ballooning deficits, but which balances expenditure reductions in a way which will be broadly acceptable to both houses of Congress. Unfortunately, the President has made the job about as hard as it could be. During the election campaign he promised that taxes would not be raised under any circumstances even in a revenue "enhancement" resulting from Treasury Secretary DONALD REGAN's ambitious tax reform proposals has been ruled out. The President is also pledged not to interfere with what the Americans call social security, but which we would regard as transfer payments to the relatively well-off middle classes.

As a result of allowing himself to be boxed into such a tight corner, Mr REAGAN has to find cuts of at least \$54 billion from programmes which have already felt the knife run close to the bone. He knows, however, that unless defence, which has been voted unprecedented resources for peacetime during the Reagan years, is also made to take its share of the pain, the package stands little chance of meeting with approval. In the words of the new Senate Majority Leader, Mr ROBERT DOLE, unless deep cuts in domestic spending are matched by some restraint at the Pentagon, the President's budget will be "dead on arrival" when it reaches Congress.

On the evidence of the past few days, Senator DOLE's forebodings look justified. The President has allowed his Defence Secretary, Mr CASPER WEINBERGER, to suggest cuts which are more apparent than real. Although it is claimed that they actually exceed the \$8 billion which DAVID STOCKMAN, the Budget Director, is looking for, it has not escaped the notice of Congressional leaders that most of the trimming is just moving numbers around the ledger. The hard fact is that unless a major weapons programme, such as the MX missile or the B-1 bomber, is halted, real spending reductions will be hard to come by. There is a strong case to be made against both systems on grounds of vulnerability and obsolescence, but with important talks on arms control with the Soviets only days away it is a bad time to be sweeping bargaining chips off the board. A deal to cut the budget deficit must be put together eventually.

THE BANK AND MR LAWSON

"CONSTRUCTIVE TENSION" is the phrase that might best describe relations between the Treasury and the Bank of England when all is well between them. The Bank has always chafed at the statutory subordination imposed on it by the post-war Labour Government; while the Treasury has always chafed at the far grander lifestyle and the measure of real autonomy enjoyed by its partner at the other end of town. At present, all is not well between them.

Relations between Governor and Prime Minister were often difficult in the early 1980s; but the arrival of Governor LEIGH PEMBERTON seemed to usher in the prospect of calmer seas ahead. For a time such expectations were fulfilled. The unhappy affair of Johnson Matthey Bankers has abruptly terminated the honeymoon. The Treasury, ill-pleased by a lack of consultation, sought ostentatiously to stand aloof when recriminations began to fly. The circulation of doubts about the re-appointment of the Deputy Governor, the mastermind behind the rescue operation, was calculated to exacerbate ill feeling. Now it looks increasingly as though the strict injunction from the Chancellor that public funds were not to be committed, though honoured in the letter, have come close to breaching in the spirit. In theory the Bank may have acted in accordance with its statutory authority in making a £100 million deposit from its own reserves to what is technically a subsidiary. In practice it seems singularly inept that this should apparently have been done without forewarning the Treasury just when the Chancellor was due to make a statement in the Commons.

This semi-public quarrel has proceeded more than far enough. Mistakes have undoubtedly been made in Treadneedle Street. But the Treasury cannot afford to see the authority of the Governor and his institution undermined (particularly when sterling is already under pressure for other reasons). Great George Street and Treadneedle Street need to get their act together. Time enough to draw the lessons when the dust has settled. The immediate priority is for the Treasury to put its weight behind the Bank to sort out an unwise entanglement.

START DEALING

MR NICHOLAS RIDLEY, having blundered without due thought or preparation on to the minefield of Stansted and Heathrow, has chosen wisely to retreat. His withdrawal, *sine die*, of his Civil Aviation Bill is a simple recognition of the inevitable. The mauling he received from Tory backbenchers yesterday was less than it might have been, but Mr RIDLEY still signally failed to give them the reassurance they seek. Many MPs on his own side believe that he is cynically trying to force their approval of a third London airport at Stansted by the device of a Bill placing limits on traffic at Heathrow. He is thus credited, at best, with a none-too-subtle trick, at worst (by Mr JOHN WILKINSON, chairman of the Tory Aviation Committee) with prejudicing the semi-judicial decision he must take as Transport Secretary in the Stansted inquiry. Recent humiliations in Committee have drawn from him only protests, not explanations. So his Bill is now lost. This was a disaster which was avoidable.

That said, Mr RIDLEY is entitled to feel that no Government can ever win over Stansted. Successive debacles across 20 years in trying to develop the airport there prove that. But it looks as if the Transport Secretary wants to have another go, given the way he has carefully boxed in his options over Heathrow. To most observers, it is less likely that the present House of Commons, dominated by 400 Tory MPs, will agree to a major airport on these green and blighted acres near Bishops Cleeve than any other Parliament since the war. Mr RIDLEY's daring is, therefore, breathtaking.

Those who will watch this spectacle in the new year will expect a political delicacy which has so far been conspicuously absent. Tory backbenchers have served ample warning that an attempt to railroad through the Stansted Inspector's plan for 15 million passengers a year will not work. But that is not to say that Stansted need continue only with its present trickle of one million passengers a year. If Mr RIDLEY were to indulge, distasteful as it might be to him, in some detailed negotiation and horse-trading with his MPs over figures closer to four or five million, he might make surprising progress.

Fruits of East End learning

It was on Christmas Eve 100 years ago that Toynbee Hall, as it was to be known, opened its doors in one of the most deprived areas of the East End of London.

While in real terms social conditions have vastly improved during the past century, the elements that foster injustice, exploitation and repression never disappear—they merely take on different shapes. The urban highways—the high rise—the glitter and tinsel of superficial affluence still conceal huge pockets of hopelessness, divided communities, crime, destitute struggle, social disorder, squalid accommodation and, yes, even poverty.

In a vivid new history of Toynbee Hall, Asa Briggs and Anne Macartney put it thus:

There are moments of stillness in the midst of uncertainty and confusion, particularly perhaps in the East End, when it seems that *plus ça change plus c'est la même chose*.

The background to the founding of Toynbee Hall—and the very special role it came to play—in the social and religious climate of the 1880s.

There had been a stirring of conscience which developed into an outburst of socio-political fervour against the chasm which divided the "haves" and "have nots", especially in the twilight areas of our great cities. In Oxford much interest was being displayed in these matters and when the Rev. Samuel Barnett, vicar of St Jude's Church, Whitechapel, addressed a meeting in an undergraduate's room calling for people to go to the East End and see for themselves and "do something", there was immediate effect.

AMONG Barnett's friends at his old university was a dedicated young historian, Arnold Toynbee, who, alas, died aged 31 in 1883. His friends, many of them influential, decided to perpetuate his name in the East End, which he loved dearly, by establishing a settlement which could serve a dual purpose: helping those in need and teaching people the value of, and the opportunities for, full citizenship.

The idea was for graduates from Oxbridge to go and live, as "residents", in their midst, to help and teach—and indeed learn themselves.

Support came from Cambridge too, and powerful London backing soon included A. J. Balfour and the Duke of Westminster.

Residents and other helpers were attracted from many walks of life. Sir John Gorst, M.P. for instance, Vice-President of the Committee of the Privy Council in charge of Education, lived at Toynbee for a period, as did Sir Robert Morant, his private secretary and a subsequent educational reformer. They did so because of Toynbee's educational work. Many discussions took place at Toynbee about educational reform. "The discussions went backwards and forwards," wrote Barnett, "until

we feel we here are in the Cabinet!"

The founder had insisted that Toynbee Hall should be a secular settlement. For one thing the East End, on the edge of Dockland, had always been the first homeland for foreign settlers: the Huguenots from France, then the Jews, victims of the pogroms in Russia and Poland (and, in modern times, immigrants from rural northern Bangladesh). Nonetheless, the dominant philosophy among the founders was Christian socialism.

The growth and spread of the movement is a fascinating story.

By

JOHN PROFUMO,

chairman of Toynbee Hall

It pioneered the concepts of free legal advice, citizens' advice bureaux, the Youth Hostels Association, the Workers' Education Association, the Guild of Handicraft and the Children's Country Holiday Fund.

Toynbee Hall gradually became the inspiration for hundreds of other similar communities in many parts of the world.

In 1905 a 24-year-old sub-warden was appointed at Toynbee Hall at a salary of £200 per annum. His name was William Beveridge.

At the end of the Second World War it was Beveridge who was responsible for the blueprint of our modern social services. It was perhaps no coincidence that a one-time secretary of Toynbee Hall, Clement Attlee, became the nation's leader in 1945.

The principle that the State would establish uniformly high standards of care for everyone—the "land fit for heroes"—so tragically fought for through two world wars—ushered in a brief period of euphoria during which time it looked as if the age of dedicated voluntary social workers might be over. Not only was their amateur status called into question, the whole idea of "charity" was considered demeaning.

When Beveridge came in 1905 in many ways his motives were different from Barnett's. He was not a Christian. The fact that Toynbee was a secular establishment attracted him. He saw it as a centre "for the development of authoritative opinion on the problems of city life." He didn't stay long but the knowledge he gained and the friends he made—H. R. Tawney, H. S. Lewis, Henry Ward, Llewellyn Smith and others—played a significant part in the formation of his great concepts, and his influence certainly laid the foundation of Toynbee's second great *raison d'être*—a social think-tank-cum-workshop—which was built up by the celebrated warden J. J. Mallon, appointed in 1919.

Mallon presided over Toynbee's fortunes throughout its heyday from 1919 up to the outbreak of

the Second World War. At the jubilee in 1935 the Prime Minister, Baldwin, said this of Toynbee Hall:

It brought into our life an enlightened humanity and a new approach to the problem of correcting and ameliorating the inequalities of society. It recognised that pity was not enough and that charity was not enough; but that these things must be implemented by a new spirit of understanding and association between the classes and based upon continuous inquiry into social evils and the best means of ameliorating them. . . . The sociological researches which I may call the floodlighting of the East of London . . . have deeply influenced the scope and character of British domestic legislation.

Since then the Welfare State has arrived, but it became clear that, with the best will in the world, the State alone cannot hope to eradicate deprivation.

There will always be certain people (ethnic minorities in particular) who are positively confused by the "system" and consequently cannot hope to share in full citizenship. It is in such areas that the voluntary sector, increasingly in co-operation with the statutory authorities, is very much alive.

There have been such changes since the last war—social, economic and technological—that the predictions and blueprints of Beveridge have now got to be rethought.

Today there is clearly a dual role for Toynbee: concern for those in distress, and social research and experiment. Which is why we look on the settlement as a "social workshop."

We are re-establishing our traditional social-educational activities and a new, closely-linked, project training young people to make them fit for jobs when their chance comes.

We plan to establish a standing conference of experts to keep studying new and vexing social problems. We still believe in maintaining a residential settlement and we are certain that, with the right material, the presence of on-the-spot, committed volunteers is of irreplaceable value.

GOVERNMENTS are bound increasingly to search for reductions in State spending and it seems inevitable that along the road services will be squeezed unless the private sector can play a correspondingly greater role in our social affairs.

One of Barnett's concepts was the sharing of abilities, not just as one-way traffic from the privileged to the deprived. Only through active citizenship from each according to his ability did he believe society could make real impact on the misery of the poor. The aim for the second hundred years of Toynbee Hall will be to plug gaps, build bridges, blaze trails and prevent problems turning into different versions of themselves. Instead, by urging them a step further along the road to solution, perhaps we may help to outlaw the phrase, "plus ça change."

The Christmas way to send the message

A PERNICIOUS new form of propaganda on behalf of organisations lobbying for favourable treatment by the Government has been brought to my attention by MPs angry at the way the Christmas message is being commercialised.

Their postbags are being flooded with cards which seem devoid of any real Christmas message. Michael Latham, M.P. for Rutland, showed me three examples of this exploitation which arrived in his post yesterday.

One came from Tyne and Wear, lacking public transport subsidies. Another was from Short Brothers in Belfast urging the R.A.F. to buy a Brazilian trainer aircraft. The third arrived from the Wine and Spirit Association and declared "No more 'sideboard' duties" please, Mr Chancellor.

Said Latham: "If somebody has a message they should put it in a letter; not use cards which amount to be a greeting between friends and relations at Christmas."

He will be burning them.

Chinese puzzle

MRS THATCHER received some unusual gifts from her Chinese hosts in Peking.

From Premier Zhao she received a porcelain plate with a portrait of herself embossed upon it. Zhao also gave both Mrs Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey Howe a souvenir photograph of their stay—personally autographed by himself.

But what I take to be a rare flash of inscrutable oriental humour, the Prime Minister was also given a set of the Eucalyptia Britannica in Chinese with an accompanying English-Chinese dictionary.

The Post Office seems to be excelling itself for speed of delivery this Christmas. One reader in Orpington tells me he has just received a card from a friend in the West Country, post-marked December 28.

To the rescue

LORD ST OSWALD, who died on Wednesday, was captured by Anarchists in Madrid in 1936 while covering the Spanish Civil War for The Daily Telegraph, sentenced to death and hung into the condemned cell. Neither the TELEGRAPH nor fellow journalists knew what had happened to him.

For eight weeks he was kept in the cell through which prisoners passed every morning to the gallows. Rescue came only when the 1st Viscount Camrose discovered his fate and asked the Foreign Office to intervene.

The first St Oswald knew of this was when his jailer thrust a folded document into his trembling hands. He feared the worst. It was in fact a telegram—"Meet me for lun-

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Ritz Hotel, Madrid, next Tuesday—Camrose. He told an alarmed prison governor that Lord Camrose was not to be obeyed and was promptly discharged.

Bridge between peoples

A FINAL ceremony commemorating the airborne landings at Arnhem in 1944 is performed today when a Christmas tree planted as a permanent memorial to the friendship of the people of Oosterbeek is switched on at the town hall.

Aviation Commander of the Rhine Army Brigadier David Canterbury, will also unveil a plaque on behalf of the present Army Air Corps in memory of their forebears, the Glider Pilot Regiment.

The Dutch still remember the Allied soldiers' sacrifice with gratitude. Local police annually organise military marches which have raised over £250,000 to help veterans visit the war memorials.

Taking it on the chin

THE BAN on beards imposed by the Dallas-run computer company at its newly acquired British subsidiary Unilever Computer Services, has come as nothing new to the male staff members at Coutts Bank in the Strand.

Coutts has had a "corporate philosophy" for generations which has banned not only beards but moustaches, and which insists that all its male employees wear frock coats at work.

Yesterday John Roberts, the deputy managing director of the bank—founded in 1692 and one of Britain's oldest financial houses—said that no one could now say with certainty when the ban was first imposed. "But the apocryphal story is that Baroness Angela Burdett-Coutts, who controlled the bank during the latter half of the last century laid it down because she didn't like the look of hairy men."

Welsh wizards

A JUBILANT Sir Geoffrey Howe was celebrating both his birthday and the signing of the Hongkong settlement in the Colony yesterday. It was he, too, who hosted an outstanding success for the Welsh mafia—the "taffia".

Sir Geoffrey explained that, apart from himself, Sir Richard Evans, our man in Peking, Sir Percy Cradock, the Foreign Office mandarin in charge of the deal, and Sir Edward Youde, the governor of Peking, all hail from the Principality.

Uncensored

LAST WEEK I highlighted the plight of our loyal readers in Saudi Arabia who, having forked out £1.15p for a copy of The Daily Telegraph, have sometimes discovered that the local censor has obliterated advertisements

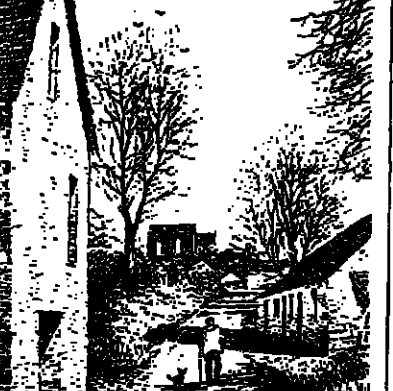
for alcohol and Israeli holidays, taking with them the much-loved crossword puzzle.

I also wondered whether my note about the censorship would escape the eagle eye of the Saudi censor and I am happy to report that yesterday I received word from Riyadh—it did.

Oh, little town . . .

A FEW MILES from Llandeilo in south-west Wales is a peaceful hamlet in Dyfed where there is neither pub nor filling station—just a few cottages, a tiny school, one shop cum-post office and, at the top of the hill, a chapel which Claude Page illustrates in his illustration.

In mid-November this quiet spot was transformed when the lanes were jammed with cars and tele-



Christmas comes early . . .

vision outside broadcast vans in an attempt to introduce Christmas several weeks early.

Christmas carols issued from the primary school were swelled by the voice of Sir Harry Scobie in a recording of his ITV programme "Highway" which goes out on Sunday. The name of the village, though, has everything to do with media activity—Bethlehem.

Barred books

THE FOLIO Society has received the following letter from a New York subscriber:

"Please cancel my membership. I'm off to prison on an income tax matter and won't have the income to afford the books. When I get out I'll rejoin. Please don't ship further books."

Come all ye faithful

A READER recently back from the Canaries reports his five-year-old son's delight in hearing a message in several languages on the hotel public address system calling people to a Sunday church service. The child looked to the ceiling in wonder and asked: "Was that the voice of God?"

PETERBOROUGH

POLICE AND THE MOTORWAYS

SIR—Appropos of motorway driving, Mr Tim Robins is right to say that there should be a separate police force to patrol motorways.

Apart from the money available for such patrols in the United States, another reason for such patrols is that there are no emergency telephones on their freeways.

In the event of a breakdown one is, by law, required to pull into the hard shoulder and to remain there until a patrol arrives: what is more you may not leave your driving seats until a patrol arrives.

Another example we may follow is that slow-moving drivers are, by law again, expected to pull into the nearest layby when driving on roads other than freeways or dual carriageways. If there are three or more vehicles behind.

IVAN DE SILVA
Amersham, Bucks.

Fewer accidents

SIR—With reference to the letter headed "Speed on motorways" (Dec. 15), I too must express concern over the standard of driving on the motorways, adding my own comments on the speed limit.

When, against the wish of many of us, the seat belt was made compulsory, it was a very controversial issue. However, records have proved that it has all been worthwhile.

Fatal accidents are down but, unfortunately, there are still the same number of accidents. In 1976, when there was a likelihood of there being a petrol shortage, the speed limit was reduced to 50 mph for a few months, the hospitals recorded fewer accidents and a fewer casualties—fewer accidents.

It is common sense that a car travelling at 70 mph will incur a worse and

more costly accident than a car travelling at 50 mph.

The Highway Code illustrates that the braking distance of a car travelling at 70 mph is 245 feet, and at 50 mph half that distance, which means that a car travelling at such a high speed will create twice as much havoc as the one travelling at the slower rate.

I repeat Mr Robins's words: "Surely it is time to stop the dangerous driver on Britain's motorways." Law enforcement must be a priority.

JOHN SKELLY
Stourpaine, Dorset

High speeds

SIR—The M25 is rather poorly engineered, badly planned and unpaved. The locals warned of the danger of the route and of the lack of a westward exit at Sunningdale.

I don't know where Mrs Chalker does her motorway motoring but, on the many motorways I use, the fast lane is usually completely full and speeds average 80 to 95 mph.

If you leave a sensible gap the ever-present sales representative is driving a few yards from your tail flashing and if you don't give way he will "undertake".

On a long journey this means to maintain a safe distance you have to move into the lorry lane perhaps 100 times, to the annoyance of the lorries who are doing 70 to 80 mph in a solid column. Cures:

- (1) Reduce the speeds. Lorries 50 mph; cars 60 mph. No coaches or vans in fast lane.
- (2) Speed limit signs to be law.
- (3) Have a police cadet, either sex, driving at a steady 60 mph up a bad stretch, off at an intersection and down again, day and night.

D. A. C. HUTCHISON
Westerham, Kent

Remoteness from people of local government

SIR—I share Mr T. E. Utley's view (Commentary, Dec. 17) that local government reconstruction can in no sense be described as a "constitutional" issue. However, the parish councils to which he attributes "a place in the affections of British people" have been unknown in inner London since 1889.

It is even questionable whether the 32 boroughs set up in 1964 are any less remote from the public than the Greater London Council itself. It is probably also a fallacy to suggest that every voter knows the name of his or her Member of Parliament.

What worries those Conservatives in local government who are less than enthusiastic about the precise content of the Bill to abolish the Greater London Council is that the functions of that tier of local government are not being abolished, as it is acknowledged they cannot be.

They will be split among different successors such as boroughs, joint borough arrangements, one or more joint boards, unelected quangos and central Government departments. Few of these are likely to be less remote from the people than the authority which they replace.

NEVILLE BEALE
Member, Greater London Cncl.
County Hall, S.E.1

Creeping centralism

SIR—Mr T. E. Utley described the present widespread concern about the proposed abolition of upper-tier local authorities in metropolitan areas as fraudulent.

This is a travesty of the true situation and does no justice at all to the genuine concern felt throughout the country across the political spectrum, and the very real fears for the future.

Fraudulent is, perhaps, a more accurate description of the measure which Mr Utley postulates in his argument in favour of the Government proposals.

He apparently considers the average voter a person of rather limited intelligence who will be expected to respond only to national political leaders about whom he can read in his daily newspaper and see on television. This is indeed a sad commentary on the attitudes which have led to the birth of these proposals. How little has been learned from the lessons of history about those who have been contemptuous of the individual citizen in a democracy.

However, the present legislative proposals are dressed up, they represent a big step in the recent trend of creeping centralism, a development which Mr Utley clearly welcomes without reserve. I, for one, do not have any faith in a future in which the man from Whitehall settles everything and the dispersal of the case against the Government's proposals as intellectually contemptible is both insulting and arrogant.

I am sure that many will agree with me in pleading with the Government to step back and see the full implications of what they intend and, perhaps, listen to the reasoned arguments of others.

How will they look (as one day they must) from the opposition benches and what untold damage will continued centralism do to the grass roots on which our economy depends?

H. J. MEDCALF
Chesham, Essex.

Long distance greeting

SIR—We are five Scouts currently competing in a very enjoyable and challenging competition running from October until December, known as the "Taylor Memorial Trophy".

We are given a challenge each month which we must use our initiative and imagination to complete. For example, in October we had to camp in an unusual place: we camped on an Isle of Wight ferry: we flew to 5,600 feet for the November challenge of get a patrol as high up as possible.

As part of our December challenge of communicating a Christmas message between two distant points we would like to wish all your readers, but particularly your overseas ones, a very happy Christmas.

TIM RAYNER
Chaudlers Ford, Hants.

Cost effective

SIR—I find it most strange that on the one hand British Rail should spend millions on marketing initiatives to persuade people to travel by train, yet at the same time the costs of carrying the trains for enthusiasts have been increased with the aim of reducing the number of such trains because of B.R.'s inability to administer such requests with reduced staffing levels.

One cannot but think that at times British Rail hardly needs when it can dissuade the few friends that it might have in the world.

TONY RUSSELL
Tonbridge, Kent

Qualifications to rescue company from collapse

SIR—The Insolvency Bill, published within the last few days, includes the welcome innovation of the Administrator procedure, providing a framework under court supervision within which it will be easier to rescue companies from financial collapse.

This part of the Bill has, however, one flaw which, while serious as it stands, could easily be remedied.

With its general objective of tightening up on liquidation practice, the Bill limits activity to qualified insolvency practitioners. The Bill provides for certification as to who is a suitably qualified practitioner by the Secretary of State under rules to be established by him.

The White Paper stated that qualification would be limited to qualified accountants, practising solicitors and others already in insolvency practice. While probably satisfactory for liquidations this is inappropriate to the Administrator procedure.

Liquidations and receiverships are concerned with realisation of assets, a skilled and specialist activity carried out under the overriding authority of statute or debenture. Rescue work is not an easy activity and carries high risk.

The Bill should provide a more appropriate, perhaps separate, vetting system for Administrators. Since candidates will in practice be approved by the company's bankers and scrutinised by the court, pre-screening might be limited to:

- (i) experience in the reconstruction of companies
- (ii) possessing or having access to the legal, accounting and managerial resources necessary to carry out the duties of an Administrator.

We have worked in financial and general management, in management consultancy, and in the reconstruction of companies, having legal business and accounting qualifications, and have been successful in saving companies rather than liquidating them, we may well be ineligible under the new rules.

We do not believe that this was the initial intention of this welcome reform.

KINGSLEY MANNING, JON SLAVEN,
MICHAEL FRANKS
London, E.C.2

Disastrous philosophy

SIR—Shedding workers at the age of 55, as suggested by the Japanese arm, would be a shortcut to disaster. What British industry needs is a blend of maturity and youthfulness, not simply an energetic and possibly volatile workforce.

Hitachi says older workers cause problems through sickness, slow reactions, poor eyesight and resistance to change. That may be the case in some instances, but the wealth of the nation should be based on a fully integrated workforce of maturity mixed with youthfulness.

The Hitachi philosophy would have disastrous economic repercussions. It would be almost impossible to provide security for 55-year-old high wage earners who suddenly have to hand over to younger people. It would also take purchasing power away from middle-aged people thus weakening the selling power of the companies who have given their jobs to younger people.

DUDLEY MAINPRIZE
Dep. Gen. Sec.
Inst. of Industrial Managers,
Luton, Beds.

Russian billiards

SIR—Following Mr John Galloway's letter (Dec. 11) about the playing of billiards in bygone India, I became, friendly with a Russian gentleman.

He invited me to his club and asked me if I would like to take a game of Russian billiards. I said I would be delighted

Intelligence men killed woman, 78, says Dalyell

By CHARLES LAURENCE

THE Government is to look into a claim that a 78-year-old woman who died after a burglary at her home near Shrewsbury was killed by British intelligence officers searching for documents linked to the sinking of the Argentine cruiser Belgrano.

The claim was made in the House of Commons at 4 a.m. yesterday by Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, who has made persistent attacks on the Government over the sinking of the Belgrano.

Mr Giles Shaw, junior Home Office minister, said the allegation would be given full consideration and a proper and I hope comprehensive reply.

Miss Hilda Murrell, a rose grower, was found dead last March in a wood six miles from her home at Haughmond Hill, north of Shrewsbury. The house, where she had been living, had been broken into and there were signs of a struggle.

"At an inquest last month, which found that she had been unlawfully killed," the coroner was told that she had been driven the six miles to the wood in her own car, then stabbed and left to die of cold.

No evidence

West Mercia police are continuing inquiries. A spokesman said yesterday that allegations similar to those made by Mr Dalyell had already been investigated but no evidence had been found to support them.

Mr Dalyell told MPs during an all-night sitting that Miss Murrell was the aunt of Cdr Robert Green, who had been a naval intelligence officer at fleet headquarters in Norfolk at a



Miss Hilda Murrell.

had passed the signal ordering the sinking of the Belgrano during the Falklands conflict. Cdr Green "thought the war was unnecessary" and had since left the Navy.

"It was thought that some of Rob Green's supposed records might be in the home of his aunt to whom he was close. I am also given to understand that—and I quite accept it—there was no premeditated intention of doing away with Miss Murrell, only a search of her house while she was out," said Mr Dalyell.

Lady of courage

He went on: "Alas, on Wednesday, March 21, she returned unexpectedly to change and the intruders either arrived while she was dressing or were disturbed by her."

"Being a lady of courage and spirit, often found in that generation of women, Miss Murrell fought them. They too had to fight, injured her and panicked."

"The cover-up had to begin because the searchers were members of British Intelligence, I am informed."

Mr Murrell was a campaigner against nuclear weapons and had been preparing a paper for the public inquiry into the Stewell B power station proposals when she died. Early allegations were that her death was in some way linked to this campaign.

Mr Dalyell, however, dismissed these claims and Mr

Shaw confirmed that "no evidence whatsoever has been found to link those activities with her death."

Mr Dalyell said the police theory that Miss Murrell was the victim of a common burglary failed to tally with the "obviously sophisticated break-in" in which the telephone lines had been cut to halt outgoing calls while allowing incoming calls.

Police deduced that the wires had been cut in a sophisticated way.

Mr Dalyell called for a Select Committee of Privy Counsellors to monitor the activities of the intelligence services.

He said: "I am certain there are persons in Westminster and Whitehall who know a great deal more about the violent death of Miss Hilda Murrell than they are prepared to divulge."

It is odd

Mr Shaw commented: "It is at least odd that if there was a British security element in the investigation, or indeed occasioning the crime for which the investigation had been set up, that somehow that should be continuing in this way without those involved being able to make sure that the police and security forces were apparently sharing common knowledge."

West Mercia police are no longer pursuing "political" lines of inquiry. Their spokesman said the repeated allegations were "unhelpful as they were deflecting public interest from the 'real thrust' of the inquiry, which was the search for a burglar who turned killer."

At his home in Leigh, near Shrewsbury, Dorset, last night, Cdr Green, said: "I was in the Navy until the end of 1982, and I was the fleet intelligence officer at Northwood, the command headquarters there."

"During the Falklands war, I was part of the command team, but I sincerely hope the people who murdered my aunt were not looking for papers relating to the Falklands."

"She certainly had nothing, but it means that I might have been responsible for her death. I think it was more likely the intruders were looking for papers relating to the anti-nuclear war."

'MANIC' CLAIM Tory riposte

Mr Edward Leigh, Conservative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle, said during Commons Business Questions that parliamentary time should not be "wasted" with further discussion of Mr Dalyell's claims.

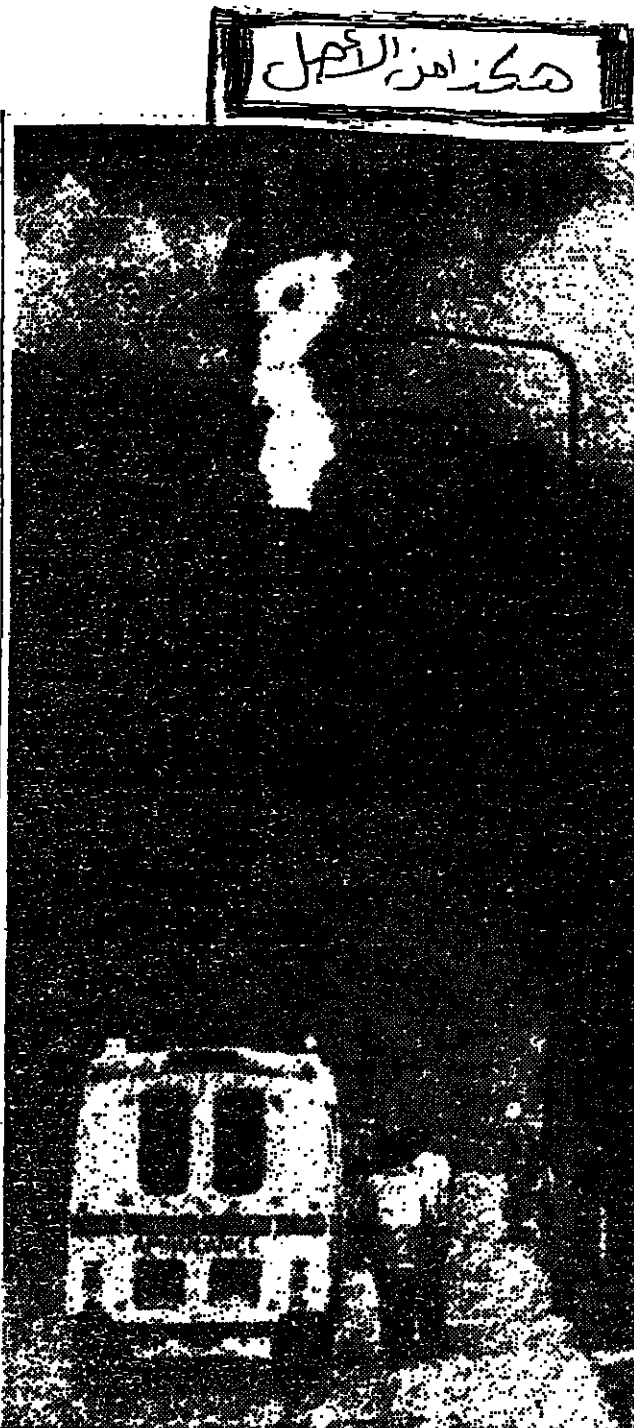
He attacked the "manic and ludicrous suggestion by Tam Dalyell that members of the security services are roaming around the country bumping off ladies to fetch documents relating to the Belgrano."

Mr John Biffen, leader of the House, told him: "I can promise no Government time will be available for such a debate."

£73m COACH DEAL

By Our Transport Correspondent

The Windsor-based Restair Group has won contracts for buses and coaches worth £7,500,000, including 70 for Hongkong, 40 for South Yorkshire, 16 for Hull and 12 for Africa.



Smoke and flames belching from the ventilation shaft above the Summit tunnel after the tanker train explosion in the Pennines.

SNEEZING 'LED TO CAR DEATH'

A SUDDEN sneezing fit by a lorry driver may have led to the death of CHARLOTTE LONG, 18, an actress and daughter of Government whip Viscount Long, in a road accident, an Oxford inquest was told yesterday.

She was waiting for help on the M4 near Newbury in Berkshire when a lorry ran into the back of her Ford Escort parked on the hard shoulder after overheating.

Miss Long, of Hans Road, Knightsbridge, died from head and internal injuries in hospital in Oxford on Oct. 6, three days after the crash and three days before her 19th birthday.

Spanish holiday

She was driving back to her mother's home at Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, after a two-week holiday in Spain following recording of the BBC television series "The Tripods."

Mr BRIAN LAUNDERS, the lorry driver, of Elmwood Road, Upton Lea, Slough, told police he was convulsed by a fit of sneezing which caused him to lose control of his five-ton vehicle. "I braked but it was too late and I hit the car," he said.

Mr NICHOLAS GARNIER, the coroner, who recorded a verdict of accidental death, said: "I noted with alarm that Miss Long had been waiting for three-quarters of an hour for assistance."

15,500 FIRES CAUSED BY ARSONISTS

By Our Business Correspondent

Arsonists were responsible for 15,500 out of the 372,000 fires fought by firemen last year, according to a Home Office report yesterday.

The total of deliberate fires was 11 per cent. higher than in 1982 and well above the 8,700 recorded in 1978. Almost 6,000 of the fires were in homes.

The overall fire total was 4 p.c. higher than the 1982 level and the highest since 1976. But the number of people who died, 803, was slightly down on the 1982 figures.

Fire Statistics, Home Office, 20, 23-25.

£31m SPENDING ON AIRPORTS

The Government gave permission yesterday for new capital projects at 11 council-controlled regional airports in England and Wales.

The projects, including a helicopter terminal at Humberside airport and a runway extension at Cardiff, means councils will be allowed to invest a total of up to £31 million in airports next year.

POLICE CHIEF TO FACE TRIBUNAL

Charges under police disciplinary regulations were served yesterday on the suspended Derbyshire Chief Constable, Mr Alf Parrish. A private, independent tribunal will sit, probably in February or March.

Mr Parrish, 54, was suspended on full pay in June after claims that he spent £28,000 on his office suite without authorisation.

Rail tunnel inferno left to burn itself out

By JOHN WILLIAMS

A PENNINE hillside belched like a miniature Vesuvius with flames and dense smoke yesterday as a goods train was derailed in a tunnel and fuel tankers exploded.

Firemen were forced out of the tunnel and the blaze will rage on until the 680 tons of fuel oil are burned out.

That could take until after Christmas. And it may be weeks before the two-mile long Summit tunnel under the moors between Littleborough and Todmorden on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border is reopened.

Teams of firemen from Greater Manchester and Yorkshire fighting the outbreak were forced to flee a mile and a half along the tunnel as a giant fireball swept towards them.

After the derailment the crew of the train—Mr Stanley Marshall, the driver, of Eccles, and Mr David Broadbent, a guard, of Rawtenstall, together with Mr Stanley Smalley, a railway inspector—managed to run through the darkness to the Manchester side to stop other trains.

Valves blew

Accompanied by firemen, Mr Marshall went back into the tunnel and managed to drive away with three tankers still on the line.

Firemen made six of the remaining 10 safe, but when they reached the seventh its pressure valves blew.

As the tanker was engulfed in flames, Station Officer Ralph Mallinson, of Halifax, blew the evacuation whistle.

"We ran as fast as we could. Our men just got out in time," he said.

A fire brigade spokesman said firemen with breathing apparatus had later re-entered the tunnel and found three tankers burning fiercely. "It was decided there was no point in risking lives. With the amount of fuel involved, if it all exploded we could have a fireball coming out of either end of the tunnel."

Hundreds evacuated

Thousands of gallons of high expansion foam were poured down ventilation shafts into the tunnel in an effort to limit the blaze.

As tongues of flame lanced through the shafts and with ambulances standing by in communities below the hillside, police evacuated several hundred people from the area because it was feared fumes seeping from underground could also ignite.

Police issued warnings that lit matches and cigarette ends should not be thrown away in the street. Fuel has seeped into a local river and streams and could be smelled four miles away in Rochdale.

At Barnes Meadows, an estate only half-a-mile from the accident, 200 children were told to leave their desks and taken to a community centre at Littleborough.

The train's load was on its way from the L.C. works at Haverton Hill, Middlesbrough, to a British Tar plant at Glazebrook, near Warrington, Cheshire.

CARAVAN BLAZE

Gipsy Edward Mulvanny, 57, was in hospital with serious burns last night after his niece Maria Williams, 17, filled a kettle with petrol from a container she believed held water, and their caravan caught fire on a site at Belle Vue, Doncaster, when she put the kettle on the stove.

Long time for luck of a 3d to work

By J. D. HOLDSWORTH in Sydney

A FORMER English woman, unable to speak for 12 years, has regained her voice after coughing up a silver threepenny bit.

Marie Hoffmann, now 25, unknowingly swallowed the 1959 coin planted for luck with others in the family Christmas cake, when she was 13. She soon developed laryngitis and six weeks later lost her voice.

Despite extensive tests doctors were mystified. They blamed a virus and believed her voice could return as suddenly as it had disappeared.

Marie Hoffmann, now 25, was forced to leave and spent four years unemployed before becoming a typist.

Now married and living in Canberra she was at work eight weeks ago when her throat began to get sore. During a coughing bout she brought up a little black lump which the Royal Canberra Hospital said was not human tissue but the unsuspected coin.

It had been lodged between her vocal cords, preventing them from vibrating, and was undetected by X-rays.

Her parents, Mr and Mrs Dan

MORTAR AWARD FOR BRITAIN

By Our Defence Correspondent

British persistence has paid off with the award of an American Army order worth \$1 million for Britain's 81mm mortar. The contract is for an initial batch of mortars, modified for American use, and several thousand bombs.

As the total American requirement is for several thousand mortars and some two million bombs, there are hopes that this initial order for the Royal Ordnance factories at Nottingham and Chiswick, Wales, will be the forerunner of future sales adding up to several hundred million pounds.

FOREIGN CAR PROFITS RISE

By Our Commercial Correspondent

A big increase in profits by distributors of foreign vehicles is shown in a survey by ICC Business Ratios. Nissan topped the list with a return on capital of nearly 45 per cent, and a profit margin of well over 15 per cent for 1982-83.

Profit margins for other leaders were MCL group at 11.2 per cent; Porsche Cars 9.3 per cent; Volvo Concessionaires 8.9 per cent; Toyota (GB) 7.1 per cent; BMW (GB) 6 per cent; Heron Suzuki (GB) 5.5 per cent; Mercedes Benz (GB) 5.4 per cent; and DAF trucks 4.7 per cent.

Olympic refunds in prospect as profits soar

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

PROFITS from the Los Angeles Olympics have taken a spectacular new leap. They have now reached \$215 million (£185 million) up from earlier estimates, and may eventually climb to \$250 million (£215 million).

The surplus has become so enormous that the organising committee has tentatively agreed to reimburse competing nations for their housing costs at the three Olympic villages.

This payback will amount to nearly \$7 million (£6 million) and could benefit the British Olympic Association by about \$300,000 (£256,000).

The decision was taken by a majority of the Los Angeles Olympics Organising Committee over the objections of some members. It still needs to be approved by a reluctant U.S. Olympic Committee at its executive board meeting in February.

Profits from the private-enterprise games will finance amateur sport in America for years to come, with 40 per cent staying on Southern California and 60 per cent going to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

The Games President, Mr Peter Ueberroth, pleaded with the organising committee to agree to pay the housing costs of overseas contestants before the word of the enlarged profit reaches foreign Olympic officials who are already critical of Los Angeles for making so much money.

Boycott effect

He stressed that the success of the Games had resulted from the willingness of participating countries to ignore the Soviet boycott and to increase the size of their teams to compensate for it.

Mr Ueberroth was questioned about the size of the surplus which he had claimed, even during the games, as being unlikely to exceed earlier projections of \$150 million.

He challenged anyone to find any "deceit" in the figures supplied by the games auditors.

The financial bonanza had come from prudent budgeting and a lot of luck, said Games General Manager Mr Harry Usher, who also declared that there was no "hidden design."

The profit has increased by \$85 million since September, partly because of overestimating of expenses by the organising committee and outside contractors.

The figure is also eroding from interest of \$2 million a month, continuing sales of Olympic coins and late royalties from products bearing the Olympic symbol.

It is by far the biggest profit made by any Olympics which normally lose money. Montreal is still paying off its billion-dollar debts from 1976.

U.S. SENDS NAZI BACK TO RUSSIA

By IAN FAIR in New York

A 77-YEAR-OLD Ukrainian who lied about his role as a guard at the Nazis' Treblinka death camp in Poland when he sought admission to the United States in 1949 has lost his long legal fight to avoid deportation to the Soviet Union.

Two Justices of the United States Supreme Court rejected last-minute requests by Fedor Fedorenko who apparently preferred an American jail cell to an uncertain future in his native Ukraine.

Fedorenko has lived in the United States for 33 years, much of the time as a factory worker in Waterbury, Connecticut. He retired to Miami Beach eight years ago.

It was there that the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, which handles Nazi cases, unmasked him.

He was found to have illegally obtained United States citizenship in 1970 because he lied to immigration officials. The government succeeded in having Fedorenko stripped of his American citizenship and began discussions with the Russians on his deportation.

Fedorenko had been conscripted into the Russian Army in 1941. He was captured by German forces and while being held prisoner was selected for training as a prison guard. Justice Department officials said he served as a guard at Treblinka in 1942 and 1943. Some 800,000 people were put to death at this camp.

He will be the first Nazi ever deported by the United States to the Soviet Union. Others have been sent to West Germany and Portugal.

JAPANESE CARRIERS

By Our Shipping Correspondent

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Kit McMahon reappointed

IT WAS FORMALLY announced yesterday that the Queen has approved the reappointment of Christopher (Kit) McMahon as Deputy Governor of the Bank of England for a further term of five years from March 1.

Anthony Loechnis and David Walker have been reappointed directors for a period of four years. Frederick Corby and Robert Haslam have been appointed directors of the Bank in place of Sir Robert Clark and Sir David Steel whose terms of office expire on Feb. 28.

Grand Met up

SALES at Grand Metropolitan exceeded £5bn for the first time in the year to September 30 and profits increased from £235m to £234m.

The dividend is lifted by 14.7 p.c. to 4.5p with a 5.5p final payable April 8.

Question—P16

Distiller's tot

FIRST HALF profits to September 30 from The Distillers Company have increased from £87.9m to £90.5m. That takes in about £5m of exchange gains but the company reports little or no whisky volume growth.

Dividend, payable February 22, has been held at 4.5p net.

Question—P16

BET up £5m

BRITISH Electric Traction reports pre-tax profits for the six months to Sept. 30 of £27.2m against £21.6m with profits from publishing interests quadrupled.

Group turnover, following extensive restructuring, was down from £52.2m to £48.5m. The interim dividend rises from 2.25p to 2.50p a share on April 8.

Question—P16

Charter stake

THERE have been further share shufflings within the Anglo American empire with Charter Consolidated yesterday announcing that Minicor had increased its Charter holding from 35.7 p.c. to 36 p.c.

The additional stake, equivalent to roughly 315,000 shares, cost around £500,000. There was no formal explanation from either party for the reasons behind the modest purchases.

Collier loss

THE FORMER John Collier menswear business, now known as Collier Brothers, has been sold for £7.5m management buyout from Hanson Trust in October 1983, made a pre-tax loss, much as forecast, of £400,000 in the nine months to the end of June on sales of £28.9m.

But property sales produced a net profit after tax of £5,000. There is no dividend.

Chairman John Thomson says that 18 branches converted to the new Collier style policies, excellent results with sales up by nearly 40 p.c. on a comparative basis.

U.S. groups on SE

ANOTHER two United States concerns have obtained a listing on the London Stock Exchange. They are American Cyanamid, a biotechnology and chemical company with a market capitalisation of \$2.5 bn with the listing arranged by Morgan Grenfell with Cazenove as brokers, and Hercules Incorporated, a diversified chemical group with a market capitalisation of \$1.75 bn. Morgan Grenfell are advisers and W. Greenwell the brokers to this listing.

WORLD MARKETS

AMSTERDAM	180.70	-1.60
BRUSSELS	157.24	-0.60
FRANKFURT	1,091.10	+1.60
HONGKONG	1,184.42	+11.11
NEW YORK	1208.29	-4.75
PARIS	182.50	+0.90
SYDNEY	717.70	-0.40
Stock Exchange	111,514.15	-44.28
ZURICH	318.90	-0.30

U.S. RATES

Federal funds rate 7.25-7.50 p.c. (8 p.c.)
1-year Treasury bill 7.875-8.00 p.c. (8.125-8.25 p.c.)
Long bonds 11.40 p.c. (11.50 p.c.)

U.S. COMMODITIES

GOLD (Commerc.)		Dec.	507.30
1809.70	Jan.	507.60	509.10
1809.50	Feb.	511.00	513.00
1809.50	Mar.	518.10	518.00
1809.50	Apr.	524.30	527.70
1809.50	May	532.00	534.40
1809.50	Jun.	538.00	540.00
1809.50	Jul.	542.00	545.00
1809.50	Aug.	545.00	548.00
1809.50	Sep.	548.00	550.00
1809.50	Oct.	550.00	552.00
1809.50	Nov.	552.00	554.00
1809.50	Dec.	554.00	556.00
1809.50	Jan.	556.00	558.00
1809.50	Feb.	558.00	560.00
1809.50	Mar.	560.00	562.00
1809.50	Apr.	562.00	564.00
1809.50	May	564.00	566.00
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1809.50	Jul.	568.00	570.00
1809.50	Aug.	570.00	572.00
1809.50	Sep.	572.00	574.00
1809.50	Oct.	574.00	576.00
1809.50	Nov.	576.00	578.00
1809.50	Dec.	578.00	580.00
1809.50	Jan.	580.00	582.00
1809.50	Feb.	582.00	584.00
1809.50	Mar.	584.00	586.00
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1809.50	May	588.00	590.00
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1809.50	Jul.	592.00	594.00
1809.50	Aug.	594.00	596.00
1809.50	Sep.	596.00	598.00
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1809.50	Jul.	616.00	618.00
1809.50	Aug.	618.00	620.00
1809.50	Sep.	620.00	622.00
1809.50	Oct.	622.00	624.00
1809.50	Nov.	624.00	626.00
1809.50	Dec.	626.00	628.00
1809.50	Jan.	628.00	630.00
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1809.50	Sep.	644.00	646.00
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1809.50	Sep.	668.00	670.00
1809.50	Oct.	670.00	672.00
1809.50	Nov.	672.00	674.00
1809.50	Dec.	674.00	676.00
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1809.50	Oct.	1078.00	1080.00
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1809.50	Jan.	1084.00	1086.00
1809.50	Feb.	1086.00	1088.00
1809.50	Mar.	1088	

COMPANIES

BTR subsidiary
in £64m
Australian deal

THE 67 p.c.-owned Australian subsidiary of BTR is spending £590 million (£54 million) buying the Nylx Corporation from A C I International.

Nylx makes and sells a wide range of plastic products for the automotive, construction, medical and consumer-based industries ranging from moulded door panels to garden accessories.

BTR is paying £560 million in cash and taking on an A\$50 million loan.

Sales at Nylx were A\$234 million and pre-interest profits were A\$5 million in the year to March, and "substantial progress" is looked for in the current year.

BTR chairman Sir Owen

Green says Nylx has a dominant share of its market but BTR's managers should be able to boost the company's profitability. BTR's total-Australian turnover will rise to A\$400 million as a result.

The deal needs the approval of Australia's Foreign Investment Review Board. Sir Owen says he does not expect any major problem, although the FIRB has been looking for foreign investors to cut their stakes to minority levels in time.

Aspinall Holdings

RELOCATION and start-up costs the increase in gaming licence duty and a first time interest payment on the loan stock have meant that full year pre-tax profits from Aspinall Holdings are down from £15.1m to £11.0m on turnover of £19.5m (£19.8m). The "drop" in the value of gaming chips purchased, rose from £75.6m to £96m. Earnings were 12.9p and there is a single final dividend of 5p (nil) of Feb. 18.

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Distillers

Unaudited report of the Group results for the half year ended 30th September 1984

The Board has today declared an interim dividend for the year ending 31st March 1985 at the rate of 4.5p per share (last year 4.5p) absorbing £16.3m. The dividend is payable on 22nd February 1985 to shareholders on the register at 18th January 1985.

Results based on historical cost	1984	1983
TURNOVER (note 2)	£m 554.5	£m 493.0
TRADING PROFIT	79.5	64.2
Share of profit (loss) of related company	3	(2.0)
Income from investments	5.6	4.7
Interest (note 3)	(7.1)	1.0
Surplus on realisation of investments	2.2	-
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	80.5	67.9
Taxation (note 4)	(35.3)	(23.6)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	45.2	44.3
Extraordinary items (note 5)	(4.4)	(1.4)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	40.8	42.9
EARNINGS PER SHARE	12.45p	12.20p

Notes

1. Comparative figures

The figures for 1983 have been restated to reflect the treatment of rationalisation, redundancy and closure costs adopted in the accounts for the year ended 31st March 1984.

2. Turnover

Sales excluding duty - United Kingdom
Duty

£m	£m
125.5	120.1
274.9	233.4
154.1	139.5
554.5	493.0

3. Interest

Interest payable
Interest earned on liquid funds

£m	£m
(14.7)	(5.6)
7.6	6.6
(7.1)	1.0

4. Taxation

UK corporation tax has been calculated at 45%. The charge for the comparable period last year was reduced by £8.5 million on account of stock relief.

5. Extraordinary items

Rationalisation, redundancy and closure costs less attributable taxation

£m	£m
(8.3)	(3.0)
3.9	1.6
(4.4)	(1.4)

Current cost accounting information

Trading profit per historical cost accounts
Depreciation adjustment
Cost of sales adjustment
Monetary working capital adjustment

£m	£m
79.5	64.2
(16.1)	(17.0)
(16.2)	(15.5)
(1.6)	(1.5)

CURRENT COST OPERATING PROFIT

Share of loss of related company
Income from investments
Interest

£m	£m
45.6	30.2
(1.2)	(4.2)
5.6	4.7
(7.1)	1.0

CURRENT COST PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION

Taxation

£m	£m
42.9	31.7
(35.3)	(23.6)

Current cost profit after taxation

Gearing adjustment

£m	£m
7.6	8.1
3.7	8

CURRENT COST PROFIT (BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS) ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

£m	£m
11.3	8.9

CURRENT COST EARNINGS PER SHARE

£m	£m
3.11p	2.45p

Review of Trading

Although industrial action in the UK caused some orders which would have been despatched in September to be held back until after the end of the period, Group exports of Scotch whisky matched the volume recorded for the corresponding period last year and exports of gin achieved a marginal increase. The volume of sales in the home market fell short of last year's level.

The increase in trading profit as against the 1983 figure reflects the inclusion of £10 million from the US company Somerset Importers Ltd. which we acquired in May and also some £8 million attributable to the higher exchange value of the dollar currency in which we invoice our exports to the US of whiskies bottled in Scotland and Tanqueray gin. Trading profit of more than £8 million relating to the export shipments delayed by industrial action has been postponed to the second half of the year.

Our carbon dioxide interests achieved a modest improvement in trading profit but the contribution from our food group was substantially lower.

The enormous increase in the taxation charge compared with last year is due to the abrupt withdrawal of stock relief. The consequences of the denial of any transitional relief in respect of stocks of maturing Scotch whisky were described in the Chairman's statement in our 1984 annual report.

Outlook

Our leading brands in the United States - Dewar's and Johnnie Walker - continue to show satisfactory strength, but there has been a further weakening in demand for Scotch whisky in Venezuela, Japan and the Middle East in the last few months and we now consider it unlikely that the volume of our total exports of Scotch whisky will quite reach last year's level.

In the home market in the face of intense competition and flat consumer demand, we do not now anticipate achieving last year's sales volume.

The strong performance of Tanqueray gin in the US is continuing and world-wide exports of our brands of gin are showing a satisfactory increase over last year.

The benefits of rationalisation measures recently taken, together with the continuing strength of the dollar, the contribution from Somerset Importers and the greatly improved performance of United Glass, strengthen our view that pre-tax profits for the full year will show at least a moderate improvement over 1983/84.

The Distillers Company plc

Atlantic Resources

THOUGH Atlantic Resources' investment income jumped from £185,000 to £187,000 in the half year, an £18,500,000 increase to £187,000 in deferred exploration costs, and higher tax of £18,500,000 against £18,400,000 leave net losses up from £18,500,000 to £18,600,000.

Considerable cash resources are still available, meanwhile, as a result of last year's £18.5m placing.

Board is confident that information derived from its recent exploration activities will yield substantial rewards before long.

Berisfords

OPENING half turnover at Berisfords slipped from £10m to £9.8m, principally in triumphs as a result of difficulties in the furniture and home furnishings industries.

Continuing rationalisation of production, however, has lifted pre-tax profits from £248,000 to £315,000 and it appears that

"second half profits will exceed these."

The interim dividend, meanwhile, goes up from 1.4p to 1.5p, payable March 1.

William Leech

RICHARD ADAMSON, former chairman of William Leech who is reported in September following "irreconcilable differences" with other executive directors relating to management style and philosophy, has received £232,000 compensation for loss of office.

This, together with £280,000 costs in connection with the C. B. Beazley bid, are debited as an extraordinary item in the group's latest preliminary results.

These show full-year pre-tax profits doubled from £1.1m to £2.2m.

Earnings are 9.8p (5.5p) and a 2.5p final dividend on Feb. 22 lifts the total from 2.5p to 4p.

The group looks forward with confidence to a full year of continuing progress.

M & G Group

M & G Group has increased pre-tax profits from £5.0m to £7.1m in what the company describes as "another good year for the sales of the group's products and increased revenue from annual management charges."

Earnings emerge at 50.5p against 40.5p, and a 15p final dividend on Jan. 31 makes a 25p (20p) total.

The group is also a one-for-one scrip issue.

Net assets per share have risen from £57.4p to £77.4p. Trading since the year-end has continued well and in line with forecasts.

Minet Holdings

MINET HOLDINGS reports a period of good underlying growth in the first half of the year, with nine months to Sep. 30, with the pre-tax figure ahead from £16.1m to £17.7m. Further provision for irrecoverable debts for the year necessary in the brewing group, which added £2.2m to expenses.

Also, the general trend in Lloyd's Syndicate results, reflecting increased costs in running the Richard Berkeet Underwriting Agency, reflected in the half-year figures, resulted in a reduction of £900,000 from this sector.

IN BRIEF

Superdrug Stores: Nine months p.t. profit £9.25m (£1.97m). T.o. £91.3m (£72.3m). Earnings: First half p.t. profit £270,000 (£285,000). T.o. £15.7m (£12.8m). Eps 1.51p (2.07p). Interim dividend 0.875p (0.6p) payable Feb. 7. Opening 2 months of second half in line with internal budgets.

TR Trustee Corporation: First half p.t. revenue £2.8m (£2.4m). Total revenue £3.48m (£2.98m). Eps 2.06p (1.81p). Nav. after deducting prior charges at par, £68.1p (140.4p). Interim dividend 1.2p (same) payable Feb. 1.

Forminster: First half p.t. profit £611,000 (£604,000). T.o. £7.32m (£7.06m). Eps 6.77p (6.39p). Interim dividend 2.05p (same) payable Feb. 18.

Sterling Group: First half p.t. profit £829,000 (£894,000). T.o. £9.54m (£8.85m). Eps 3.12p (2.28p adjusted). Int. dividend 0.4p (0.28p adjusted) payable March 20.

Sheafbank Property Trust: First half p.t. profit £215 (£8,700). Gross rental income £237,200 (£115,200). No interim dividend (same).

Columbus Peak: Together with the holders of the minority interest, have sold New Era Holdings to Imperial Foods for £4.1m cash and net 21.1m as inadvertently stated here yesterday.

BIDS AND DEALS

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THE QUESTOR COLUMN

Smoke in Grand Met's eyes

CIGARETTES can seriously damage your health—and also your pocket, if you happen to be a shareholder in Grand Metropolitan.

Shares of Grand Metropolitan, which have under-performed the market by around 25 p.c. since mid-year took seriously a warning with the preliminary figures that the United States cigarette operation is operating at nominal level of profitability and collapsed 25p to 303p yesterday.

By themselves, Grand Metropolitan's results for the year to Sept. 30 would have been judged satisfactory if not exciting. Pre-tax profits increased from £295 million to £334 million, carrying stated earnings up from 27.8p to 32.4p.

Brewing was just ahead, consumer services felt the chill of volume and margin pressures as the Middle East market for major construction site contracts fell away, and the foods business was halved by the pressure on cheese margins.

But in the United States the consumer products business saw profits surge from £30.4 million to £122 million—of which about 40 p.c. was earned from the hitherto phenomenally successful generic cigarette business of Liggett's Group.

Because of price competition from the big branded competitors, Liggett's cigarette operation will do little better than break-even this year—and the proposed management buy-out for \$325 million is stuck on ice.

That hole in profits is going to take a lot of refilling in the current year. The casino business, which also took a pound from stiffer competition, should hold its own. Brewing and the hotels business develops well. There may even be some revival in cheesemaking margins.

But even given a fair wind in all its other activities, Grand Metropolitan is unlikely to achieve more than a minimal profits increase this year to per-



Stanley Grinstead, chairman of Grand Metropolitan... higher profits, higher dividend.

haps £345 million to £350 million. On that basis, however, the shares are selling at little more than nine times prospective earnings and remain a core holding in the international service industry.

Distillers must improve blend

THE Distillers Company is fighting a tough battle against sobriety. Pre-tax profits for the half-year to September 30 have expanded from £87.9 million to £90.5 million, but the latest figure takes in two significant incomparable items—first time profits from Somerset Importers of the United States and £8 million attributable to lower exchange rates.

Somerset contributed £10 million to the trading level but incurred interest charges of around £9 million within an overall interest charge of £14.7 million against £5.6 million.

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PHIL TUCK, who again steps aside in favour of John Francome on Burrough Hill Lad at Kempton Park on Boxing Day, has lost another big-race ride. Earls Brig, on whom Tuck finished second at Kelso on Monday, will miss tomorrow's Coral Welsh National.

Predictably, bookmakers reacted to the absence of this 10-1 chance from the Chepstow marathon by shortening several of the leading fancies. Strongest move was for A Kinsman, down to 12-1 from 20s with the sponsors.

sprinter Sejda, and a similar burst should be decisive of the sharp Fakenham track.

TODAY'S KESLO SELECTIONS		
HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
12.15 - Miss Goldglary	12.15 - Miss Goldglary	12.15 - Rising
12.45 - Fox-U-More	12.45 - Garys Cold	12.45 - Fox-U-More
	Bolled	
1.15 - RISING FOREST	1.15 - YAKS BROWN	1.15 - Rising Forest
(trap)	(trap)	
1.45 - Santiago		1.45 - YAKS SONG
		(trap)
2.15 - Ramona Son		2.15 - Palm Cross
2.45 - Jondale	2.45 - Thorbell Arch	2.45 - Blue Tarquin

BOTSPUES DOUBLE - Fox-U-More and Rising Forest.
TONY STAFFORD - Fagan Sun (2.30, Faganbani).

long-olds plunge.
Chapman's second feature tomorrow is the *Pile Up* starring Hurdle, in which the hard-working Jamesmead and King Beat The Retreat renews Freeflow, who took on John Perkins' murder, in the Mecca Bookmakers' Hurdle Championship at Sandown Park.

Best The Retreat was then fully extended to hold Wing and the other Prayer's deer. The choice. That opponent, sold out of Alan Bailey's stable for a price of \$100,000, was the first to be killed when winning easily at Chickadee a week later.

Mr. Terry Kaussen, Wing and the other Prayer's deer, was the winner with Pagan Sun, but after making a promising move the latter was felled by the other Prayer's deer in the closing stages.

By Our Course Correspondent

YANK BROWN, a winner of \$100,000, was the first to be killed in Ireland before joining Monica Dickinson, may score at the third attempt for his new trainer in today's Manitou Novices' Hurdle Qualifier (1.15) at

Kelso runners, riders

12.15: CHARTERHALL JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE 5-Y-
Penalty Value £642 2m (16 declared)

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Beat The Retreat, seen on his way to winning at Sandown Park earlier this month, reappears in the Finale Junior Hurdle at Chepstow.

Barney Clark

though not before overcoming an early scare. Petit Pan slipped going into the second flight, and

McCormack took over Will Burrell this season because his last season was so badly restricted but the 10-year-old remains in the ownership of the Durkan brothers.

John Francome rode his second season with the horse when Pains made a successful debut in the Goldsfoot Novices' Hurdle, while the 10-year-old Ebbw Vale, were both on the mark. Chummy's Boy, trained by Burrell, made the most of his last season by winning the Soling Handicap Hurdle, and Price's Mendacul, running for the third time in a fortnight, took the Goldsfoot Novices' Hurdle by three lengths from Rebag. Pains was closing when he made a mistake at the last flight.

There has been considerable discussion recently about the effect of accidents on riders, at a meeting last month Mr. Henney made it clear that he was not in favour of the new helmet against the new cap. BS, 647

Richards double

Gordon Richards completed a Carlisle double to continue his record of substantial numbers of winners trained this season. Boardmans Coronet and the second favourite, *Neale Doughty*, put Richards on top.

Boardmans Coronet won the Calkebeck Novices' Hurdle, Div. II a year after he had been pulled up in the same race last season and went to the front at the second fence.

In his letter to the District Commissioners Major Pryn says that: "In not adopting the plan of building a new bridge over the construction of this hat making and comfort less as well as being more expensive."

Anthony Wakeham, spokesman of the British Equestrian Training Association, said yesterday:

"The fact that the members of the Pony Club could force manufacturers to drop the expensive."

COURSE SPECIALISTS

FAREHAM

form and SP guide

FORM GUIDE.—Tanner Man beat Rising Forded 1946 by 1 at Newmarket
(2m 120f) Dec 3 (heavy). Little Harry beat Gasbelle etc. 15lb by 7 1/2 at Southwell

U4000-U MIGHTY RUN (Jr. Walter, W. A. Stephenson, 6 11-5 R. Lamb
#46220 RAMDA'S SON (Mrs J. Vannotti, N. Vannotti, 8 11-5 E.
Eatschew
7 003-VUF WEILHILL (W. Foster, W. Foster, 9 11-5 A. Strimmer
SWEET STELLA (M. H. P. Bell, C. H. Bell, 8 11-5 Mrs. S. Jackson 141

G.P. FORECAST: 15-3 Palm Cross, 5-2 Ramdam's Son & Weillhill, 7
TOMMY CROSS

EATSCHEW -Palm Cross was 10th in 16 in Jacksonville (late 8th at Westport
Jan 10th) Nov 25 result, Ramdam's Son was 10th in 16 in Sanderson Jan
2nd 1944. Latick, 1st 11th Dec 1940 (scored 25-24). Ramdam's Son
was beaten off by Cornelia Smith at Newmarket (last Dec 2 w/ Mrs Weillhill
lost) and finished 15th, Prince won 2nd at Moorhead Main (first at Ave Glen 11th)
Nov 23 result, Weillhill was a distant 5th in Jacksonville (scored at Sanderson
Jan 2nd 1944), Latick was 10th in 16 in Jacksonville (Dec 10 and
prisonals were 7th in 10 to Run "A" race after 1st at Newmarket (Scored
Jan 2nd 1944).

PALM CROSS may underdo the weight to Ramda's Son

L45: CAEDRONA HANDICAP FURDE 65-24 2m 10f

TARMAC South African Golf

TARMAC are taking over sponsorship of one of

countries over identical courses, with fences as near as possible to a standard set by the F.E.I. Results are then collated to find the overall winner in each of three categories determined by night leader, did well to manage a 73 in increasingly difficult conditions as the westerly wind strengthened. On 140, he was only three behind the pacesetter.

South African riders have dominated the main category, and it is as an indirect result of this that the

My worries about the South African connection: "Tarmac have been in South Africa for 30 years, and have never felt we had anything to hide."

Max Ammann, for the Interstate

Kuwait, Peru and the like in the Middle East, to Zaire, Singapore and others in the far west, where the fences are 1-1.5m high.

No British riders have yet taken part, but both Tarmac and the International Federation would welcome their involvement. The British Federation of Hunt countries. It would be an opportunity to involve British riders below the top level.

birds, including one on the fifth when he holed a putt from 50 feet. He showed commendable character in hitting back with solid iron play at the 15th and 16th, after his slip at the short 14th.

Green said he had not played in the final yesterday as he had in his opening round, the 15th and 16th, after a nervous and tentative early on, he said after his 73.

By ROB MCLEAN

David Dick knows that only an exceptional performance at the Queen's Club, London today, will earn him the Public Schools Rackets Championship for the 1985 Cup, will make him the first Harrow champion since Tony Pigott - the England cricketer - in 1975.

forward to the challenge as he attempts to add this title to the doubles he won last April.

1.0: COTTESMORE NOVICES' 'CHASE Penalty Value £882
2m 5½f (12 declared)

1	40-1221	OVERSWAY, Mrs D. Haler,	7 11-12	.....	S. Smith Eccles
3	500	30P ABO ACE, R. Champion,	6 10-12	.....	G. McCourt
4	403210	ALUMINUS, R. Head,	6 10-13	.....	M. Head (7)
5	0420-0	COMMANDEER CURTIS, H. O'Neill,	8 10-12	.....	M. Hammond
6	040-000	ITALIAN AFFAIR, C. Holmes,	8 10-12	.....	A. Webb

1210 and 840 in the first two games, while Owen-Brown won easily against Winchester's Simon Harford and is yet to drop a game in the competition.

Jonathan Longley (Tonbridge) won the Inledon-Webber Cup with a faultless display against

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2.0: WAVENEY HANDICAP 'CHASE £1.171 5m (6)

2.30: WEST NORFOLK NOVICES' HURDLE 5-Y-O £548 By Our Bowls Correspondent

2m 80y (15)

MARY JIGGLES, last winter's winner of the Teesside Masters women's bowls, was defeated by

1	0 ABOUT TIME TOO, O. Thom, 10-12	Mr D. Murphy 141
2	ASSET CAPLUS', L. Campbell, 10-12	R. Campbell 141
3	ASSETT BOV, P. Rotton, 10-12	C. J. O'Neill 141

16	F NICE ONE ANDY (BFL. G. Huber, 10-12	J. McCullough	She gained her title with a
17	O PAPAN ALN. A. Baum, 10-12	A. Carroll	first-ever triumph over Norma
18	30 POLYON, M. Ryan, 10-12	G. McConrt	Shaw, but this clash with Mrs.
19	STATE NIDGET, W. Wesson, 10-12	C. Smith	Edlin should have it. Men, it goes

3 24212-0 GOLF PORTER (D, M. Rankin, 4 11-7 G. Williams
 4 PEGGY SMILING CAVALIER (D, A. Madson, 8 10-11
 5 10012-0 LEITH HILL, FLYER, P. Allencell, 8 10-10 A. Wright
 6 7 10012-0 STYNGING (D, Holmes, 5 10-10 M. Burke
 7 10012-0 LEITH HILL, 8 10-5 M. Cowell
 8 P.P. FORECAST, 12-4 Dry Park, 2 Smiling Cavalier, 7-2 Vinnos, 8 Cole
 Porter, 14 Leith Hill Flier.

1 2-00-000 GLENHAWK, W. Brian, 6 11-11 G. McCourt
2 1-02-112 THE DIPLOMAT, D. R. Ernst, 6 11-4 S. McNeill
3 15 CM10 DUDDELO, R. W. 7 10-12 R. Rowell
4 5 EFFORTS SITTILFIELD, C. Holmes, 6 10-7 A. Webb


Yesterday at Carlisle

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Tim. G. Dun 15-8F; 1	Secretary	Adm'n.	official doing for tomorrow's
Timson (M. Dun), 5-11	2: Supreme	meanings: Chapsins	"soft": Lin-
W.H. R. Hefner, 8-13	3: Ains; 3	held Park	"ed," "good": "Nachtischten"
French Lord (John), 10	Charles Duke.	PLACEPOT: £30-15.	"ed," "good": "good to soft."

Soccer Matters **By MICHAEL CALVIN**

FINDING John Bond, one of football's original showmen, who is rebuilding his career at Vetch Field, is rather like bumping into a disinherited aristocrat in a soup kitchen.



the suave image, Swansea can only afford to pay their fifth managerial appointment in 18 months around £17,000 a year.

That is small change to a man who became used to living in a financial fairland at Manchester City. But I suspect that he would have accepted less for the challenge of fighting to save a club in apparently terminal decline.

For the past four months he has spent Saturday afternoons in a fidgety fin front of his television set. As he analysed the results, the realisation grew that he could not succumb to the temptation to forget the gamblers and run a hotel.

"Being sacked at Burnley soured me," he admits. "After 14 years as a manager I found myself making elementary mistakes that I was struggling when people were difficult with me."

John Bond . . . a fat cigar on a thin salary.

By A Special Correspondent

MAIDSTONE. Gola League champions, have been advertising nationally to fill the highest-paid managerial job in non-League soccer after the resignation of Bill

subject that he is a "empty argument" with more style than substance. "I am," and Mr Bond returns from his enforced sabbatical with a brutal awareness of his qualities.

"I won't hide from the fact that there are plenty of managers around who are as good as me. But they will never get to the heights I have reached."

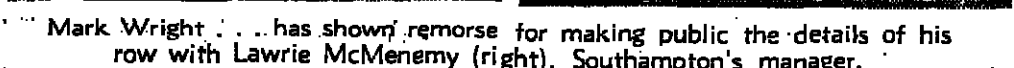
Mr Bond will need all his ingenuity to thrive at Swansea where the view from the bridge would be recognisable to the captain of the Titanic. Financial icebergs litter the horizon.

...acknowledged: "Bill's done an exceptional job. We're under illusions — there must be few people capable of following him, but without a shadow of doubt he's the best paid job outside the football League."

By Our Schools Soccer Correspondent:

Public Schools ... 5
Barkshire 0

The Public Schools' league towards was too much for Berkshire throughout. Jamie Hull and N. Francis gave the defence a hectic time. P. Baverstock opened the scoring in the 11th minute, when good work by Francis, he cut through a crowded goal-



PETER NICHOLAS, Crystal Palace's Welsh international, travelled

John Shaw, Martin Grimbley and Nick Clark—will be in the senior squad for the annual Roses tournament, in which the opposition will include the Welsh Dragons, Monkstown, French Ireland, and Munster.

£6,000. Mr Prierfield added: "I am progressing at the moment" and when he appears for Slough at Bristol.

Slough, who added the unofficial European indoor title to their long list of successes last week, are in the opposite pool in the 10-team tournament which opens tonight at the Southend Sports Centre.

Geddis moves

Birmingham's manager, Ron Greenwood, clearly believes in the adage, "better the devil you know than the one you don't".

Greenwood has opted for the Championship finals at Crystal Palace from Jan. 11 to 13. Mrs Hartshorn replaces Pam Morrey, of Yorkshire.

England's performance in

The survivors

The indoor game demands frequent substitutions. The astuteness of Julie Hartshorn gives another cover for England's principal schemers. Maggie

land will defend their title in the Home Countries indoor championship in Cardiff.

Focus on Rugby

Ella joins the list of

Willenhall, the leaders, are second to Welling, the team in second place, in a match that is crucial to both. Welling beat Willenhall 1-0 on their own turf.

Wales—the first of the great players in his position that have been lucky enough to see?

Two more candidates came through Orbridge in the 1960s. The first was Richard Sharp, 'King' John's reign

My second pre-war candidate is Wilson Shaw, who inspired Scotland to a Triple Crown victory at Twickenham in 1958.

Johnson inspires Radle

CLUB RECORDS

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By JOHN MASON

ties missed. He will not resume playing regularly before mid-January.

and, too, had a keen interest. "It's a case of sod's law, I suppose," said a disappointed Mills. "Too many of us are in the wars just now. I've got two

or a moment I thought so, too. I has gone from bad to worse as I'm much better but with necks they prepare for their merit table you've got to be careful. game against Freemans. Following "England's selectors knew Tony Davie's departure to south Africa. flanker Mike Coslett may have injury troubles which he was probably started in September. he was elected to succeed him, and really came to a head against but he dislocated a shoulder

Atlantic weather was a factor in the crash, but the plane was not properly maintained, and the pilot was not properly trained, according to the report.

Steve Smith, possibly, though he insists his international days are over or John Carpenter, the

Low "G" will move east, de
"E". Low "D" will drift no
slow-moving, as High

WHALES SQUAD—M. Wyatt (commanding), J. H. Davies, R. Garcia, M. Tully (second in command), E. Ross (surge), P. Lewis (chief), A. Hader, C. Cardiff, R. Kerman (London Welsh), L. Jones (surge), M. Rine, C. Cardiff, M. Dacey (chief), J. Davies, C. Cardiff, D. Bishop, Portsmouth, R. S. Alexander, M. Douglas (London Welsh).

By **PETER WEST**

Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Celsius is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind

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submit	one more	candidate for				

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*Chicago	4	23	Reykjavik	5	26
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powerful asset, helping the team gain nine victories and share the Sherborne. The only loss was against Monmouth.

Teen's, Tammion, also had a season, with three wins and six losses in three now fix-

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DAYS AT
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plants about them.
iplinary record. proves
they have put an unhappy
chapter behind them.
Indications are that, after an
arduous" start to the season.

There has been a change of coach, former Devon hocker, Keith

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draw experienced recruits to the
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ening and absorbing Low
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Delaware	0.9	0.51	48	3 Showers
Albany	1.7	0.21	48	3 Showers
Nick	0.5	0.34	46	8 Cloudy

LONDON READINGS

Air temp. (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Lighting-up time 4:24
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TELEVISION - FRIDAY

GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

6.30 a.m. Breakfast Time, with Selina Scott and Nick Ross.
6.50 a.m. News, Weather, 12.57 Regional News (London and South East only). Financial Report and News, 1.15 Little Misses Suffragette at Farnham (sat. w. John Seymour, rpt. 2.25). The Many Girls (1940, b.w.) college musical about an heiress and the young footbalers hired to look after her. With Lucille Ball, Desi Arnaz, Richard Carlson and School. 4.10 The Family News. 4.15 The Land of Green Ginger, part five. 4.20 Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince. 4.50 Harbortown: Control-in making pictures. 5.00 Crackerjack. 5.30 Weather.
6.00 NEWS.
6.30 REGIONAL MAGAZINES.

BBC-2

3.35 p.m. Sports Review of 1984, repeat from last Sunday.
5.15 News, Weather. 5.20 Open to Question: Princess Anne, facing questions from 70 Scottish teenagers and first shown on BBC Scotland.
6.00 THE INVADERS—Storm. Vincent loses another potential friend, a meteorologist worried about a hurricane which has been veering erratically. Is this just the calm before the storm?
6.50 CHOIR OF THE YEAR 1984—Second semi-final.
7.30 WILDLIFE ON TWO—Aliens from Inner Space. Cephalopods, cuttlefish, squid and octopus, mysterious sea creatures which still puzzle scientists, described by David Attenborough. Repeat. (Cetacean subtitles.)
8.00 CALL MY BLUFF.
8.30 ITALIANS—The Bride of Calabria. In the southernmost tip of Italy 20-year-old Natina Mangalavi is a week away from her wedding; her father, a farmer and village milkman, is about the same time away from bankruptcy, having used up all his savings and borrowed from the bank. The wedding

6.55 BUGS BUNNY—Hardcored Har.
7.05 MATCH OF THE DAY LIVE—Queen's Park Rangers v Liverpool. The Liverpool club's second live match within 15 days and now on the far from magic carpet of Lotus Road.
9.00 NEWS, WEATHER.
9.25 SCORPIO—1982—Complicated, double-cross, thriller with Matt Langer as an ageing CIA agent, who may have sold out to the Russians, pursued by Alan Delon as a hired killer who may want his CIA job and in any case wants to go straight, and Paul Scofield as a KGB man who may be someone else. Gavi Humelet is probably a girl. Plenty of brutal violence in case you lose your way.
11.15 MACMILLAN AT WAR—In Retrospect. Harold Macmillan in the last of his three talks with Lancelotti.
11.45 LATE NIGHT IN CONCERT—Linda Ronstadt. With Nelson Riddle and his orchestra, recorded in Santa Barbara, California. 12.15 Weather.

is a large affair with a total cost shared by both sides, of £20,000, and he still has two more daughters! The celebration requires 250 bottles of wine and 70 leaves of bread. Baines, a philosophical, even cynical, view of her marriage, referring to the small amount of work nearby, the small number of men and the stay-at-home alternative, but she has a lovely sense of humour. In detail, the priest holds a hand microphone through the ceremony. Last of the series.
9.00 M.A.S.H.—As Time Goes By.
9.25 FANNY AND ALEXANDER—Preview of Sunday's "magical extravaganza" by Ingmar Bergman.
9.30 ARENA—What's Cuba Playing At? Tracing the Afro-Spanish roots of Cuba's musical history, meeting the 1948 creator of the chacha-chacha, visiting a sepiet in Santiago, jazz, songs and family music making, and rumbas every Saturday with the Folclore Company.
10.45 NEWSNIGHT.
11.30-1.15 "ROSELAND" (1977)—Bittersweet trilogy set in the celebrated New York ballroom, with modern, varied, surreal, starring Geraldine Chaplin, Christopher Walken, Teresa Wright, Lou Jacobi and Lilla Skala.

ITV Thames/LWT

6.25 a.m. Good Morning Britain. 9.25 Thames News Headlines, followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Let's Pretend. 10.40 Razzamazz. 11.55 BMX Beat. The Northern Freestyle BMX Final from Cardiff. 11.58 Rainbow Christmas Special. 12.12 The Sooty Christmas Show, rpt. 12.30 Never Too Early, Never Too Late. (Oracle subtitles.) 1.15 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Father Murphy: The First Miracle. A long and mysterious story with little advance information—appears to be about a young girl who falls for Murphy (Merlin Olsen) who actually loves a teacher played by Katherine Cannon: the girl rejected, seeks revenge. 3.15 Thames News. 3.20 University Challenge. 3.25 The Leg of the Final, if one is necessary after yesterday's. 4.45 News. 4.15 Theatre Box. 5.15 Blockbusters.
6.00 THE 6 O'CLOCK SHOW—Michael Aspel and team seeking London's lighter side.
7.00 BRUCE FORBES'S PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT. (Oracle subtitles.)
7.30 HALLELUJAH!—A Goose for Mrs. Scratchitt. Sally Ann Christmas edition. (Oracle subtitles.)

8.00 PINNEGAN, BEGIN AGAIN. American-set TV drama in which Mary Tyler Moore is a widowed art teacher meets a has-been journalist (Robert Preston) who is down to writing a Miss Lonely Hearts column. The widow thinks he may help over her affair with a married undertaker. A comedy actually produced by a British subsidiary of Central TV, but filmed in Virginia with an all-American cast which also includes Sam Waterston.
10.00 NEWS AT TEN; followed by London News Headlines.
10.30 JAMES MASON: THE STAR THEY LOVED TO HATE. Shelley Long introduces an interview with the actor on location in Switzerland a few months before he died, and also talks with one of his co-stars, Ann Todd.
11.30 "GEORGY GIRL" (1966, b/w). Empty, swinging, story of an unattractive girl (Lynn Redgrave), brushed but cheerful. Occasionally touching, sometimes charming, very well cast and only spoiled by the cinema tricks of the time. With James Mason, Alan Bates and Charlotte Rampling. 1.20 Night Thoughts, with Moshe Davis.

Channel 4

2.50 p.m. Treasure Hunt: Lake District, rpt. 3.30 "Wild Station" (1983, b/w) short film about a boy and a white horse. 4.00 Countdown: The Final. 5. The Adams Family. Uncle Fester's Toupee, b.w. 5.30 The Tube, with Paul Weller, The Waterboys and Rory Bremner.
7.00 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS AND WEATHER.
7.30 RIGHT TO REPLY—Gus Macdonald with viewers' comments.
8.00 WHAT THE PAPERS SAY—With Peter McKay of the Daily Mail.
8.15 A WEEK OF POLITICS including interviews with Douglas Hurd, M.P., and Carol Thatcher.

9.00 TELL THE TRUTH—Graeme Garden and his game show.
9.30 GARDENERS' CALENDAR—December. Tasks for the month, plus suitable presents for Christmas.
10.00 NEWARK—Lady and the Tramp. Stephanie, lost in a Vermont snowstorm, meets a trio of strange rescuers, not unlike The Three Bears.
10.35 IAN BREAKWELL'S CHRISTMAS DIARY—Circus, in Glasgow.
10.45-12.55 "BATTLE OF ALGIERS" (1966, b/w). Algerian-Algerian production on the Algerian revolt between 1954 and 1962, which won many awards for director Gillo Pontecorvo. Finely detailed reconstruction in semi-documentary style, with non-professional actors who are excellent.

ITV REGIONS

TVS
6.25 Good Morning.
8.25 Sesame Street.
9.25 Santa's Pocket Watch.
10.25 The Christmas Visitor.
11.05 BMX Beat.
11.25 Christmas Rainbow.
12.00 Sooty Christmas.
12.30 Never Too Early.
1.00 News; TVS News.
1.30 Journalist Store Investigates.
2.30 Hotel.
3.00 Me Mamma.
3.15 TVS News.
3.25 The Young Doctors.
4.15 Theatre Box.
4.15 Blockbusters.
4.45 News.
5.00 Coast to Coast.
5.30 Keep It in the Family.
6.00 Play Your Cards Right.
6.30 Hallelujah!
6.50 Pinnegan, Begin Again (film).
7.00 News; TVS News.
7.15 Weather; Sesame St.
7.30 James Mason: The Star They Loved to Hate. Profile.
7.45 George, Girl—1966 b/w film. James Mason stars in this classic comedy of the swinging sixties, with Lynn Redgrave, Charlotte Rampling and Alan Bates.
8.00 Company.

Anglia

6.25 Good Morning.
8.25 Sesame Street.
9.25 Santa's Pocket Watch.
10.25 The Christmas Visitor.
11.05 BMX Beat.
11.25 Christmas Rainbow.
12.00 Sooty Christmas.
12.30 Never Too Early.
1.00 News; Anglia News.
1.30 Journalist Store Investigates.
2.30 Hotel.
3.00 Me Mamma.
3.15 Anglia News.
3.25 Sons and Daughters.
4.15 Theatre Box, rpt.
4.15 Blockbusters.
4.45 News.
5.00 Play Your Cards Right.
6.00 Pinnegan, Begin Again (film).
6.30 News; Anglia News.
6.45 Weather; Sesame St.
7.00 The Star They Loved to Hate. Profile.
7.15 George, Girl—1966 b/w film. James Mason stars in this classic comedy of the swinging sixties, with Lynn Redgrave, Charlotte Rampling and Alan Bates.
8.00 Company.

Central

6.25 Good Morning.
8.25 Star of Bethlehem.
9.25 Give Love a Time...
10.25 Fallon's Land.
10.30 A Christmas Story.

WELSH CHANNEL 4

1.00 p.m. Good Morning. 1.30 p.m. Cum. 2.00 p.m. Y Ffyn Ffyn. 2.30 p.m. Llan Goch. 3.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 3.30 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 4.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 4.30 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 5.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 5.30 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 6.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 6.30 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 7.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 7.30 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 8.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 8.30 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 9.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 9.30 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 10.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 10.30 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 11.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 11.30 p.m. Pen-y-fan. 12.00 p.m. Pen-y-fan.

5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News.
6.00 ITV News.
6.30 Sideswipe.
7.00 Play Your Cards Right.
7.30 Hallelujah!
8.00 Pinnegan, Begin Again (film).
8.30 News; ITV News.
8.45 Weather; Sesame St.
9.00 The Star They Loved to Hate. Profile.
9.15 George, Girl—1966 b/w film. James Mason stars in this classic comedy of the swinging sixties, with Lynn Redgrave, Charlotte Rampling and Alan Bates.
10.00 Company.

TSW

6.25 Good Morning.
8.25 Sesame Street.
9.25 Santa's Pocket Watch.
10.25 The Christmas Visitor.
11.05 BMX Beat.
11.25 Christmas Rainbow.
12.00 Sooty Christmas.
12.30 Never Too Early.
1.00 News; TSW News.
1.30 Journalist Store Investigates.
2.30 Hotel.
3.00 Me Mamma.
3.15 TSW News.
3.25 The Young Doctors.
4.15 Theatre Box.
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8.00 Company.

Yorkshire

6.25 Good Morning.
8.25 Sesame Street.
9.25 Santa's Pocket Watch.
10.25 The Christmas Visitor.
11.05 BMX Beat.
11.25 Christmas Rainbow.
12.00 Sooty Christmas.
12.30 Never Too Early.
1.00 News; Yorkshire News.
1.30 Journalist Store Investigates.
2.30 Hotel.
3.00 Me Mamma.
3.15 Yorkshire News.
3.25 Sons and Daughters.
4.15 Theatre Box, rpt.
4.15 Blockbusters.
4.45 News.
5.00 Play Your Cards Right.
6.00 Pinnegan, Begin Again (film).
6.30 News; Yorkshire News.
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8.00 Company.

Channel

8.25 Chips.
10.25 Short Story Theatre.
10.45 The Intruders.
11.05 A Christmas Story.
11.30 A Christmas Story.
12.00 News and Weather in French; Weather.

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FOUR
5.55 on L.W. Shipping.
6.00 News, Weather.
6.10 Evening Today.
6.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today.
6.40 News.
6.50 on L.W. Island Discs.
9.45 Silent Night, rpt.
10.00 International Assignment.
10.20 Morning Star.
10.45 Service.
11.00 The Snowball, rpt.
11.15 The Snowball, rpt.
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11.55-12.15 News.

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6.30 Mike Read.
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THE visit of Mr Gorbachev to Britain continues to receive full coverage by the Russian Press and television.

A five-minute report on last night's Soviet television news showed him inspecting the Austin Rover assembly line at Oxford and attending a breakfast hosted by the British head of the Overseas Trade Board.

Extracts of Mr Gorbachev's breakfast speech were read out.

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Europe not interested

The West Europeans have shown no interest in an American offer to extend the SDI system to cover their territories.

They see it as possibly complicating attempts to obtain limitations on long-range and medium-range missiles such as Cruise and the Soviet SS20.

However, there is a recognition that SDI is a powerful lever which has brought the Soviet Union to the negotiating table and will keep it there.

While Mrs Thatcher and other Ministers have said they do not want to see space militarised, they recognise the danger of opening up a rift in the Western alliance which the Russians could exploit.

Mr Gorbachev's visit to Britain is partly a public relations assault on SDI in advance of the meeting between Mr Shultz, American Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, in Geneva on Jan. 7, 8 when they will discuss the framework of arms control negotiations.

OVER 2,000 CENTENARIANS IN BRITAIN

Britain is having a centenarian explosion, according to statistics published yesterday. There are now 10 times more people reaching 100 than there were 30 years ago.

In 1951 there were an estimated 271 in England and Wales. But by 1981 that figure had grown to 2,410, says the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys quarterly journal.

The number of people emigrating last year fell by 29 per cent. About 159,000 left in 1982 while only 185,000 left last year — a drop of 74,000.

Population Trends 28 (Winter 1984) available from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Price 45.50.

CONTEMPT ISSUE FOR SPEAKER

The Speaker told the Commons yesterday that disclosure of documents from the Public Accounts Committee may have been "a possible contempt of the House."

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Lab, Workington) complained that British Oxygen had quoted the documents in a letter to the Guardian, having obtained them on the sole basis that they were potential witnesses to the committee.

The Speaker asked Mr Campbell-Savours to write to him about the issue.

SKIPS WARNING

Builders' skips on roadsides will have to carry "fluorescent and reflective" red and yellow markings as well as lights at night from Jan. 1, 1986, the Ministry of Transport announced yesterday.

£2m PAY RAID

Armed gunmen ambushed a wages van at Middleton, Greater Manchester, yesterday and escaped with wage packets containing £200,000.

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A five-minute report on last night's Soviet television news showed him inspecting the Austin Rover assembly line at Oxford and attending a breakfast hosted by the British head of the Overseas Trade Board.

Extracts of Mr Gorbachev's breakfast speech were read out.

In television coverage earlier this week, Russian reporters in London were shown in front of news stands, telling viewers back home that British comments "stress the positive and constructive character of the visit."

The front page treatment given to Mr Gorbachev by British newspapers was shown in close-up.

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Europe not interested

The West Europeans have shown no interest in an American offer to extend the SDI system to cover their territories.

They see it as possibly complicating attempts to obtain limitations on long-range and medium-range missiles such as Cruise and the Soviet SS20.

However, there is a recognition that SDI is a powerful lever which has brought the Soviet Union to the negotiating table and will keep it there.

While Mrs Thatcher and other Ministers have said they do not want to see space militarised, they recognise the danger of opening up a rift in the Western alliance which the Russians could exploit.

Mr Gorbachev's visit to Britain is partly a public relations assault on SDI in advance of the meeting between Mr Shultz, American Secretary of State, and Mr Gromyko, Soviet Foreign Minister, in Geneva on Jan. 7, 8 when they will discuss the framework of arms control negotiations.

OVER 2,000 CENTENARIANS IN BRITAIN

Britain is having a centenarian explosion, according to statistics published yesterday. There are now 10 times more people reaching 100 than there were 30 years ago.

In 1951 there were an estimated 271 in England and Wales. But by 1981 that figure had grown to 2,410, says the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys quarterly journal.

The number of people emigrating last year fell by 29 per cent. About 159,000 left in 1982 while only 185,000 left last year — a drop of 74,000.

Population Trends 28 (Winter 1984) available from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Price 45.50.

CONTEMPT ISSUE FOR SPEAKER

The Speaker told the Commons yesterday that disclosure of documents from the Public Accounts Committee may have been "a possible contempt of the House."

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Lab, Workington) complained that British Oxygen had quoted the documents in a letter to the Guardian, having obtained them on the sole basis that they were potential witnesses to the committee.

The Speaker asked Mr Campbell-Savours to write to him about the issue.

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Commons Sketch

Ridley could beat Lady Bracknell

By EDWARD PEARCE

MR NICHOLAS RIDLEY, the Minister of Transport, must have felt at one with Martin Luther when he said that he would face his critics if there were as many devils among them as there were flies on the roofs of Wittebeek.

Not that Mr Ridley was being particularly heroic, he has the sort of impermeable vanity which should be issued with all insulating systems. But surrounded by a wide and unappreciative, predominantly Conservative audience he certainly was.

No one would suppose from his dapper patrolling manner that Mr Ridley was in respect of his Civil Aviation Bill, already written himself into the first Minister since the death of Lord North's time to have the committee for his Bill twice vote against its own sitting.

This man could, when it comes to self-possession, so fifteen rounds with Lady Bracknell.

Bright spangle

The victor of Monday's second refusal, Mr Peter Snape, apart from a passing reference to the Minister's arrogance (which I will swear on the fallible evidence of my ears brought Torcheers) was notably free from vindictiveness.

Mr Snape a bright spangle on the tattered lights of Labour's middle-rank spokesmen, had won his victory and left the tomb-dedication to the Tory blackboard.

It is of course a mild irony that with allusions of tons of cement being poured into the dark, welcoming South Atlantic to build Thatcher Airport, Port Stanley, the matter of accommodating Britain whether by way of jet more miles at Heathrow or Stansted, for Manchester for any permutation of the three, remains unsolved.

Confidence of board

The message to the Lady on the Junket, as a Labour member had aptly described the Prime Minister's visit, that a coalition of her backbenchers want no more aeroplanes South of Whalley Range.

"The R Hon. Gentleman looking forward to a painful interview on her return?" Mr Snape had asked, adding uncalculated for things about sacked football managers with the total confidence of the board.

The truth is everybody in the Government owes Mrs Thatcher a political debt, it is her war with women. She will surely be nice about it.

Exciting things happened

Earlier in the day when the temporary Prime Minister Mr John Biffen, his usual opalescent elegance slightly disordered, actually lost his temper and said something utterly impolitic, wrong and uncalled for, i.e. true.

Labour had been going on, as well they might, at the appointment of Sir Frank Cooper as chairman of United Scientific Holdings, Mr Levene's old company. "Corruption," Mr Hamilton amazingly called it!

Annoyed at carping about

The salary, Mr Biffen had a sudden terrible access of pure virulence. It was better to pay than to hire a failure at half the price.

Amid delighted cries of shock he disowned the obvious meaning of his remarks for it is understood here that nobody falls. They give service of the highest distinction, they have made a splendid contribution, they have the total confidence of the board. Not even Mr Ridley has failed.

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WHITE HOUSE CONCERN

Reassurance sought

RICHARD BEESTON in Washington writes: The White House is keenly awaiting the first hand account that Mrs Thatcher will give to President Reagan tomorrow of the visit to Britain of Mr Gorbachev.

U.S. officials are concerned about the apparent success of Mr Gorbachev's mission to Britain in promoting Western European opposition to America's anti-missile space defence plans.

Mrs Gorbachev's charm picture—P12

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